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A SERIOUS QUESTION

FSR has now been in existence for thirty-two years. During the first half of this period, a number of remarkable claims were made — and not only by George Adamski but also by a number of other people in various parts of the world — who said that they had encountered, and sometimes talked with, beings who were "alien", and certainly not from here, *but who appeared in all respects to be entirely human, and to be well disposed towards us.*

It is of crucial importance for mankind to make every effort to establish, beyond any peradventure, whether those claims were true. Because most of the reports that have come to us for the last decade and more tell a mighty different story indeed. Strange things are happening in our world. And much is coming to light now that it would probably never be wise to propagate among the general public, since knowledge of it could not conceivably benefit them in any fashion whatsoever.

We have of course our own theories as to what may be occurring. And on several occasions in recent years we have referred to this aspect of the puzzle, and have asked readers to see whether they cannot find any more close encounter cases "of the nice early kind". So far we have drawn a total blank. Nothing "nice" seems to be making its appearance. We therefore repeat our appeal: please let us have full details of all those wonderful encounters with the "Goodies". Because, by Heavens, it looks as though mankind is going to be in desperate need of solid proof that such gentry exist somewhere — anywhere — in the Universe. Even if certain "obstacles" are holding up their operations here very badly at present!

KENNETH ARNOLD AND THE F.B.I.

(From documents obtained by Peter Gersten and CAUS)
With Comments by John A. Keel, FSR Consultant

DURING the 1960s, I approached the Federal Bureau of Investigation (F.B.I.) in Washington, D.C., asking to see their UFO-related files. Each time they assured me that the F.B.I. had absolutely no interest in UFOs and therefore no such files existed. But in the late 1970s, the New York lawyer Peter Gersten applied the new Freedom of Information Act and forced the F.B.I. to produce hundreds of documents. Among these were the original reports on Kenneth Arnold. As is their practice, the F.B.I. carefully deleted the names of the individuals mentioned in the reports, but it was easy to restore most of the missing information, using Arnold's public statements and later interviews.

Although there was a massive "ghost rocket" wave in Europe in 1945-46, most UFO historians regard Arnold's sighting on June 24, 1947, as the real beginning of the "Flying Saucer". He was an exceptionally credible witness, as the interviewers note in these documents, and his later involvement in the Maury Island "hoax" proved him to be an exceptional investigator as well. But in the years following the events of 1947, he and his family were hounded by eager UFO buffs and bewildered witnesses. Finally, he deliberately spread the rumour that he had moved to Australia. He made very few public appearances and purposefully demanded an exorbitant lecture fee. But he did speak in Chicago, Ill. in June 1977, before a UFO convention organized by Jerome Clark and FATE magazine.

Kenneth Arnold passed away in January, 1985, in Bellevue, Washington, only a few miles from the site of his 1947 sighting.

The big surprise in the F.B.I. documents was a report by a prospector who had been working the Cascade Mountains on that same afternoon of June 24, 1947, when he saw "five or six" disc-shaped objects weaving through the mountains! Apparently this man (his name was deleted from the report by the F.B.I.) was a corroborative witness to Arnold's sighting, and was viewing the objects from the ground while Arnold was watching them from the air! Note that the document bears the notation "REPORTS OF FLYING DISCS ... SECURITY MATTER -X".

I should mention that in handling stacks of these liberated Government documents, I have found that the F.B.I. reports in particular were very badly written, lacking in significant detail and often filled with idiotic speculation and innuendo. The prospector's report is completely lacking in background detail. We don't even know if the prospector spoke to an F.B.I. agent directly or if this report was derived from a letter sent to the Army at an earlier date. Like so many of the F.B.I. papers from the J. Edgar Hoover era, this item would not stand up in a court of law. But it is very interesting, nonetheless.

The second document describes a phone call made to David Johnson, aviation editor of the *Idaho Daily Statesman,* although his name has of course been deleted. (Most of the other deletions in this document are Kenneth Arnold's name.) Lieutenant Frank Brown wrote this for the Army Air Force investigating group. The third document is also by Brown, and is basically an endorsement of Arnold as a reliable witness. These two documents by Brown were both written for the Air Force's Confidential file, and both were later found in the F.B.I.'s UFO file even though the F.B.I. professed to have no interest in UFO matters.

Two weeks later, Lt. Frank M. Brown and Captain William Davidson would die in a plane crash shortly after taking off from McChord Field in Tacoma. They had been visiting Arnold who was investigating the notorious "Maury Island" affair. At that point in time, Brown and Davidson were the *only* Air Force officers involved in UFO investigations. Two weeks after the plane crash, Paul Lance, a newspaper reporter involved in the Maury Island mystery, died very suddenly. Harold Dahl's 12-year-old son vanished suddenly at the same time. Dahl and his son had been aboard a boat in Tacoma harbour when they sighted some "flying doughnuts" near Maury Island. Weeks later, Dahl's son was found in the tiny village of Lusk, Wyoming, many hundreds of miles from Tacoma. He was suffering from total amnesia!

A rigorous campaign was also waged by someone to ridicule and discredit Ray Palmer, the Chicago editor who sent Kenneth Arnold $200 for expenses to investigate the Maury Island case.

The last of the documents was written by Arnold himself and submitted to the F.B.I. It proves him to be a very careful observer and is filled with significant detail. It also raises some rather astonishing questions. These questions haunted Arnold privately.

His attention was drawn to the objects by a bright flash of light. Twenty years later, at his speech in Chicago, he provided more details. "As I was making this 180° turn," he said, "and flying directly toward Mount Rainier at about 9200 feet elevation, a tremendous flash appeared in the sky. It lit up my whole aircraft even the cockpit, and I was startled. I thought I was very close to collision with some aircraft I hadn't seen. Or, I thought, possibly a military plane had dived over the nose of my airplane and the reflection of the afternoon sun against his wing surfaces had

caused the flash. All this went through my mind in less than a tenth of a second as I began to look around below me and ahead of me. And then the flash came again. This very bright flash, almost like an arc light, was coming from a group of objects far up to the north of Mount Rainier in the area of Mount Baker, which is almost in a line with Mount Rainier and Mount Adams. I saw a chain of very peculiar aircraft approaching Mount Rainier very rapidly — I think I described their formation at the time as looking like a tail of a Chinese kite."

Read his report carefully, and the report of the prospector, and you will see that the objects were approximately 30 feet in diameter. They were weaving among the mountains at a speed in excess of 1,200 miles per hour! And they were *twenty miles* from Arnold's position. So Arnold was observing small (30 feet) objects travelling at supersonic speed twenty miles in front of him! Something is wrong here. *If all his calculations were correct he would not be able to see those things at all. They were too small ... they were too far away ... and they were moving too fast to be visible to the naked eye!*

About the flashes. As I have pointed out in my books and numerous articles, a brilliant flash of light often occurs before the appearance of UFOs, angels, demons and chimeras. And in hundreds of cases, such as the famous Ohio helicopter incident in 1973, a flash phenomenon takes place just prior to distortions of time and space. In the Ohio incident the helicopter was suddenly transposed 3,000 feet with no action on the part of the pilot.

It was around 2 p.m. when Arnold saw the flash. A beautiful, cloudless day. He was travelling NE and the sun was above and slightly behind him. The objects were going SE. It is remotely possible that the sun could have reflected from the objects but remember that Arnold was almost level with them and they were twenty miles away. *So it is highly unlikely that the flashes were reflections of the sun. It seems more probable that they were aimed directly at Arnold, a tiny speck in the sky twenty miles distant. KENNETH ARNOLD WAS SOMEHOW MEANT TO SEE THESE THINGS.*

Clocks and stopwatches are very important in aerial navigation and, like all pilots, Arnold was accustomed to their use. His estimates of the speed of the UFOs are probably accurate, ± 200 miles. But can *anyone* see a 30-ft. object travelling at 1,200 miles an hour at a distance of 20 miles?

The answer is: no.

The general rule is that anything going faster than 700 mph is invisible to the naked eye. A bullet, for example. However, experienced soldiers can not only see artillery shells and mortar rounds in the air, they can even tell where they are going to land. But they travel at speeds between 400-700 mph.

Kenneth Arnold led an exemplary life. He was a decent, honest man. There is no reason to think that he lied about his sighting. *Yet he could not have seen what he thought he saw.*

The most amazing thing of all is that, although his story has been told over and over again in countless books and articles, no-one has ever raised these simple questions before.

The objects passed over a measurable course fifty miles in length in 102 seconds. "I had worked out mathematically how fast the strange craft were going," Arnold said in 1977, "and every time I reworked it, it came out that they were going over 1700 miles an hour. It was mind-boggling! I even measured the base of the mountains — both Mount Rainier and Mount Adams — on my aeronautical charts, and took the minimum reading of twenty-nine miles and refigured it; they still clocked out at over 1300 miles an hour."

There was only one man-made supersonic plane in existence in 1947, and it could not attain 1700 mph.

If Arnold could not have seen objects moving that fast, what did he actually see? After the first flash of light he may have watched *part* of something ... something much larger and much different from what he thought he was seeing. The strobe-like movement of the objects even suggests that either they — or Arnold — were in a different time-frame ... a phenomenon well-known to Forteans. Arnold's navigational clock could have been malfunctioning temporarily.

Whatever happened on that sunny June 24th in 1947, Kenneth Arnold opened a magical door for all of us that afternoon, and all manner of weird entities and objects have been pouring through it ever since. — J.A.K.

DOCUMENT NO. 1

OFFICE MEMORANDUM. UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
TO: Director, FBI Date: 9-17-47
FROM: SAC, Portland
SUBJECT: REPORTS OF FLYING DISCS
SECURITY MATTER-X

Refer San Francisco letter dated September 4, 1947. xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx, Portland, reported without consulting any records that on June 24, 1947, while prospecting at a point in the Cascade Mountains approximately five thousand feet from sea level, during the afternoon he noticed a reflection, looked up, and saw a disc proceeding in a south-easterly direction. Immediately upon sighting this object he placed his telescope to his eye and observed the disc for approximately forty-five to sixty seconds. He remarked that it is possible for him to pick up an object at a distance of ten miles with his telescope. At the time the disc was sighted by Mr. xxxxxxxxxxxx it was banking in the sun, and he observed five or six similar objects but only concentrated on one. He related that they did not fly in any particular formation and that he would estimate their height to

be about one thousand feet from where he was standing. He said the object was about thirty feet in diameter, and appeared to have a tail. It made no noise.

According to xxxxxxxxxxxx he remained in the vicinity of the Cascades for several days and then returned to Portland and noted an article in the local paper which stated in effect that a man in Boise, Idaho, had sighted a similar object but that authorities had disclaimed any knowledge of such an object. He said he communicated with the Army for the sole purpose of attempting to add credence to the story furnished by the man in Boise.

xxxxxxxxxxxx also related that on the occasion of his sighting the objects on June 24, 1947 he had in his possession a combination compass and watch. He noted particularly that immediately before he sighted the disc the compass acted very peculiar, the hand waving from one side to the other, but that this condition corrected itself immediately after the discs had passed out of sight.

Informant appeared to be a very reliable individual who advised that he had been a prospector in the states of Montana, Washington, and Oregon for the past forty years.

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2 cc: San Francisco (62-2938)

DOCUMENT NO. 2

Incident
4AF 1208 I
16 July 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE

1. On 12 July 1947, a call was made at the newspaper office of the "Idaho Daily Statesman", Boise, Idaho. The xxxxxxxxxxxx of the paper, xxxxxxxxxxxx, was interviewed in regard to how well he knew xxxxxxxxxxxx of Boise, Idaho, and as to the credibility of any statement made by xxxxxxxxxxxx. The purpose of this interview was an attempt to verify statements made by xxxxxxxxxxxx on 26 June, 1947, to various national news services to the effect that he, xxxxxxxxxxxx had seen 9 objects flying in the air above the Cascade Mountain Range of Washington. These objects were subsequently referred to as flying saucers or flying disks and will here-in-after be referred to as such in this report. xxxxxxxxxxxx stated that he had known xxxxxxxxxxxx for quite a period of time, having had relations with xxxxxxxxxxxx on various occasions, due to the fact that both he, xxxxxxxxxxxx and xxxxxxxxxxxx were private fliers and frequently got together to talk shop. xxxxxxxxxxxx stated that as far as he was concerned anything xxxxxxxxxxxx said could be taken very seriously and that he, xxxxxxxxxxxx actually believed that Mr. Arnold had seen the aforementioned flying disks. xxxxxxxxxxxx stated that after xxxxxxxxxxxx reported having seen the flying disks, that the editor of the paper had assigned him, xxxxxxxxxxxx the assignment of taking the airplane belonging to the newspaper and exhausting all efforts to prove or disprove the probability of flying disks having been seen in the north-west area. The results of this assignment to xxxxxxxxxxxx and what he subsequently saw is put forth in a sworn statement signed by xxxxxxxxxxxx attached to this report as Exhibit B.

AGENT'S NOTES; xxxxxxxxxxxx is a man of approximately 33 to 35 years of age. From all appearances he is a very reserved type of person. xxxxxxxxxxxx has logged 2900 hours of flying time in various types of airplanes up to and including multi-engine aircraft. During part of the war years, xxxxxxxxxxxx as the xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx being assigned to the Twentieth USAAF and stationed on Tinian Island, in the Pacific. It is the personal opinion of the interviewer that xxxxxxxxxxxx actually saw what he states that he saw in the attached report. It is also the opinion of the interviewer that xxxxxxxxxxxx would have much more to lose than gain and would have to be very strongly convinced that he actually saw something before he would report such an incident and open himself for the ridicule that would accompany such a report.

1 Incl: Exhibit "B"
FRANK M. BROWN, S/A, CIC 4th AF

DOCUMENT NO. 3

Incident
4AF 1208 I
16 July 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE

1. On 12 July 1947, xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx, Boise, Idaho, was interviewed in regard to the report by xxxxxxxxxxxx that he saw 9 strange objects flying over the Cascade Mountain Range of Washington State on July 25th. xxxxxxxxxxxx voluntarily agreed to give the interviewer a written report of exactly what he had seen on the above mentioned date. The written report of xxxxxxxxxxxx is attached to this report as Exhibit A.

AGENT'S NOTES: xxxxxxxxxxxx is a man of 32 years of age, being married and the father of two children. He is well thought of in the community in which he lives, being very much the family man and from all appearances a very good provider for his family. xxxx-

xxxxxxxx has recently purchased a xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx in which to conduct his business to the extent of which is explained in the attached exhibit. It is the personal opinion of the interviewer that xxxxxxxxxxxx actually saw what he stated that he saw. It is difficult to believe that a man of xxxxxxxxxxxx character and apparent integrity would state that he saw objects and write up a report to the extent that he did if he did not see them. To go further, if xxxxxxxxxxxx can write a report of the character that he did while not having seen the objects that he claimed he saw, it is the opinion of the interviewer that xxxxxxxxxxxx is in the wrong business, that he should be writing Buck Rogers fiction. xxxxxxxxxxxx is very outspoken and somewhat bitter in his opinions of the leaders of the U.S. Army Air Forces and the Federal Bureau of Investigation for not having made an investigation of this matter sooner. To put all of the statements made by xxxxxxxxxxxx in this report would make it a voluminous volume. However, after having checked an aeronautical map of the area over which xxxxxxxxxxxx claims that he saw the objects it was determined that all statements made by xxxxxxxxxxxx in regard to the distances involved, speed of the objects, course of the objects and size of the objects, could very possibly be facts. The distances mentioned by xxxxxxxxxxxx in his report are within a short distance of the actual distances on aeronautical charts of this area, although xxxxxxxxxxxx has never consulted aeronautical charts of the type the Army uses. xxxxxxxxxxxx stated that his business had suffered greatly since his report on July 25 due to the fact that at every stop on his business routes, large groups of people were waiting to question him as to just what he had seen. xxxxxxxxxxxx stated further that if he, at any time in the future, saw anything in the sky, to quote xxxxxxxxxxxx directly, "if I saw a ten story building flying through the air I would never say a word about it", due to the fact that he has been ridiculed by the press to such an extent that he is practically a moron in the eyes of the majority of the population of the United States.

I Incl: Exhibit "A"
FRANK M. BROWN, S/A, CIC 4th AF

DOCUMENT NO. 4

SOME LIFE DATA xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx I was born xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx. My father's name was xxxxxxxxxxxx was xxxxxxxxxxxx I was a resident of Minnesota until I was six years old when my family moved to also homesteaded in Scobey, Montana, and became quite prominent in political circles along with xxxxxxxxxxxx, the famous xxxxxxxxxxxx.

I went to grade school and high school at Minot, North Dakota. I entered scouting at twelve years of age and achieved the rank of Eagle scout before I was fourteen. My former scout executive was xxxxxxxxxxxx now a xxxxxxxxxxxx for the Boy Scouts in Kansas City, Kansas.

As a boy, I was interested in athletics and was xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx I entered the U.S. Olympic trials in xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx I taught swimming and diving at scout camps and the municipal pool in Minot, North Dakota. I went to the University of Minnesota, where I swam and did fancy diving under xxxxxxxxxxxx and also played football under xxxxxxxxxxxx but upon entering college I was unable to continue my football career because of an injured knee. My high school football coach was xxxxxxxxxxxx who is now xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx I had little or no finances, and my ambition in furthering my education in college was through my athletics. As a boy in Minot, North Dakota, I did a good deal of dog sled racing. xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

In 1938 I went to work for xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx, a manufacturer of automatic fire fighting apparatus. In 1939 I was made xxxxxxxxxxxx for them over a part of the western states, and in 1940 I established my own xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx I have been working as an xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx on xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx.

My flying experience started as a boy in Minot, North Dakota, where I took my first flying lessons from xxxxxxxxxxxx who was originally from Great Falls, Montana. Due to the high cost at that time, I was unable to continue my flying and did not fly of any great consequence until 1943. I was given my pilot certificate by xxxxxxxxxxxx senior CAA inspector of Portland, Oregon, and for the last xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx covering my entire territory with same and flying from forty to one hundred hours per month since. Due to the fact that I use an airplane entirely in my work, in January of this year I purchased a xxxxxxxxxxxx airplane, which is an airplane designed for high-altitude take-offs and short rough field use.

In the type of flying I do, it takes a great deal of practice and judgment to be able to land in most any cow pasture and get out without injuring your airplane; the runways are very limited and the altitude is very high in some of the fields and places I have to go in my work. To date, I have landed on 823 cow pastures in mountain meadows, and in over a thousand hours a flat tire has been my greatest mishap.

The following story of what I observed over the Cascade mountains, impossible as it may seem, is positively true. I never asked nor wanted ... notoriety for just accidentally being in the right spot at the right time to observe what I did. I reported something that I know any pilot would have reported. I don't think that in any way my observation was due to any sensitivity of eye sight or judgment than what is considered normal for any pilot.

On June 24th, Tuesday, 1947, I had finished my work for the xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx at Chehalis, Washington, and at about two o'clock I took off from Chehalis, Washington, airport with the intention of going to Yakima, Wash. My trip was delayed for an hour to search for a large marine transport that supposedly went down near or around the south-west side of Mt. Rainier in the state of Washington and to date has never been found.

I flew directly toward Mt. Rainier after reaching an altitude of about 9,500 feet, which is the approximate elevation of the high plateau from which Mt. Rainier rises. I had made one sweep of this plateau to the westward, searching all of the various ridges for this marine ship and flew to the west down and near the ridge side of the canyon where Ashford, Washington, is located.

Unable to see anything that looked like the lost ship, I made a 360 degree turn to the right and above the little city of Mineral, starting again toward Mt. Rainier. I climbed back up to an altitude of approximatey 9,200 feet.

The air was so smooth that day that it was a real pleasure flying and, as most pilots do when the air is smooth and they are flying at a higher altitude, I trimmed out my airplane in the direction of Yakima, Washington, which was almost directly east of my position and simply sat in my plane observing the sky and the terrain.

There was a DC-4 to the left and to the rear of me approximately fifteen miles distance, and I should judge, at 14,000 foot elevation.

The sky and air was as clear as crystal, I hadn't flown more than two or three minutes on my course when a bright flash reflected on my airplane. It startled me as I thought I was too close to some other aircraft. I looked every place in the sky and couldn't find where the reflection had come from until I looked to the left and the north of Mt. Rainier where I observed a chain of nine peculiar looking aircraft flying from north to south at approximately 9,500 feet elevation and going, seemingly, in a definite direction of about 170 degrees.

They were approaching Mt. Rainier very rapidly, and I merely assumed they were jet planes. Anyhow, I discovered that this was where the reflection had come from, as two or three of them every few seconds would dip or change their course slightly, just enough for the sun to strike them at an angle that reflected brightly on my plane.

These objects being quite far away, I was unable for a few seconds to make out their shape or their formation. Very shortly they approached Mt. Rainier, and I observed their outline against the snow quite plainly.

I thought it was very peculiar that I couldn't find their tails but assumed they were some type of jet plane. I was determined to clock their speed, as I had two definite points I could clock them by; the air was so clear that it was very easy to see objects and determine their approximate shape and size at almost fifty miles that day.

I remember distinctly that my sweep second hand on my eight day clock, which is located on my instrument panel, read one minute to 3 P.M. as the first object of this formation passed the southern edge of Mt. Rainier. I watched these objects with great interest as I have never before observed ....s flying so close to the mountain tops, flying directly south to .....st down the hog's back of a mountain range. I would estimate their ....tion could have varied a thousand feet one way or another up or down ... they were pretty much on the horizon to me which would indicate they were near the same elevation as I was.

They flew like many times I have observed geese to fly in a rather diagonal chain-like line as if they were linked together. They seemed to hold a definite direction but rather swerved in and out of the high mountain peaks. Their speed at the time did not impress me particularly, because I knew that our army and air force had planes that went very fast.

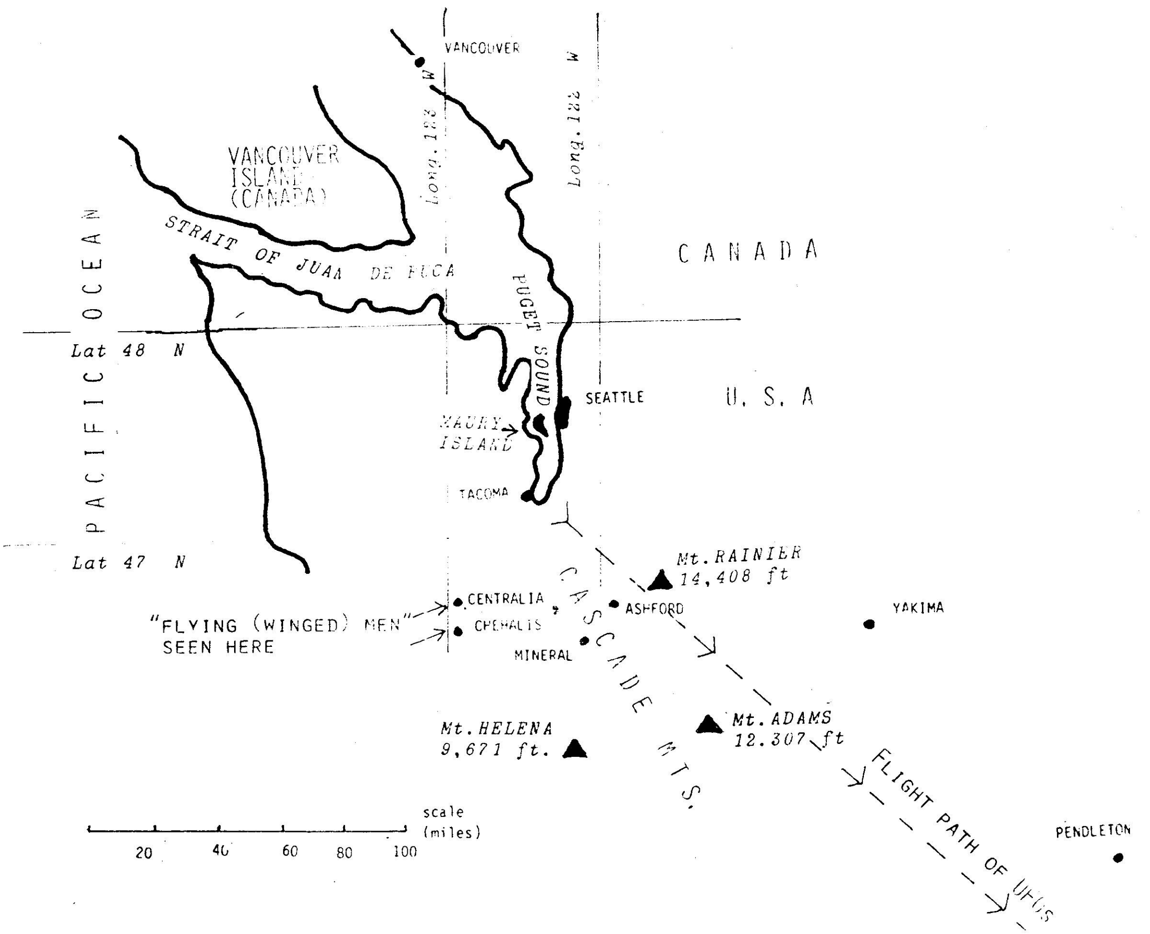
What kept bothering me as I watched them flip and flash in the sun right along their path was the fact that I couldn't make out any tail on them, and I am sure that any pilot would justify more than a second look at such a plane.

I observed them quite plainly, and I estimate my distance from them, which was almost at right angles, to be between twenty to twenty-five miles. I knew they must be very large to observe their shape at that distance, even on as clear a day as it was that Tuesday. In fact I compared a zeus fastener or cowling tool I had in my pocket with — holding it up on them and holding it up on the DC-4 — that I could observe quite a distance to my left, and they seemed smaller than the DC-4; but, I should judge their span would have been as wide as the furtherest engines on each side of the fuselage of the DC-4.

The more I observed these objects, the more upset I became, as I am accustomed and familiar with most all objects flying whether I am close to the ground or at higher altitudes. I observed the chain of these objects passing another high snow-covered ridge in between Mt. Rainier and Mt. Adams, and as the first one was passing the south crest of this ridge the last object was entering the northern crest of the ridge.

As I was flying in the direction of this particular ridge, I measured it and found it to be approximately five miles so I could safely assume that the chain of these saucer like objects were at least five miles long. I could quite accurately determine their pathway due to the fact that there were several high peaks that were a little this side of them as well as higher peaks on the other side of their pathway.

As the last unit of this formation passed the southern most high snow-covered crest of Mt. Adams, I looked at my sweep second hand and it showed that



they had travelled the distance in one minute and forty-two seconds. Even at the time this timing did not upset me as I felt confident after I would land there would be some explanation of what I saw.

A number of news men and experts suggested that I might have been seeing reflections or even a mirage. This I know to be absolutely false, as I observed these objects not only through the glass of my airplane but turned my airplane sideways where I could open my window and observe them with a completely unobstructed view. (Without sun glasses.)

Even though two minutes seems like a very short time to one on the ground, in the air in two minutes time a pilot can observe a great many things and anything within his sight of vision probably as many as fifty or sixty times.

I continued my search for the marine plane for another fifteen or twenty minutes and while searching for this marine plane, what I had just observed kept rolling through my mind. I became more disturbed, so after taking a last look at Tieton Reservoir I headed for Yakima. .... ght add that my complete observation of these objects, which I .... en follow by their flashes as they passed Mt. Adams, was around two-and-a-half or three minutes --, although, by the time they reached Mt. Adams ..... were out of my range of vision as far as determining shape or form. Of course, when the sun reflected from one or two or three of these units, they appeared to be completely round; but, I am kaing (*sic:* for making) a drawing to the best of my ability, which I am including, as to the shape I observed these objects to be as they passed the snow covered ridges as well as Mt. Rainier.

When these objects were flying approximately straight and level, they were just a black thin line and when they flipped was the only time I could get a judgment as to their size.

These objects were holding an almost constant elevation; they did not seem to be going up or coming down, such as would be the case of rockets or artillery shells. I am convinced in my own mind that they were

some type of airplane, even though they didn't conform with the many aspects of the conventional type of planes that I know.

Although these objects have been reported by many other observers throughout the United States, there have been six or seven other accounts written by some of these observers that I can truthfully say must have observed the same thing that I did; particularly, the descriptions of the three Western/Cedar City Air Lines/,Utah employees, the/(pilot) gentleman from Oklahoma City and the locomotive engineer in Illinois, plus xxxxxxxxxxxx and Co-Pilot xxxxxxxxxxxx of United Air Lines.

Some descriptions could not be very accurate taken from the ground unless these saucer-like disks were at quite a great height and there is a possibility that all of the people who observed peculiar objects could have seen the same thing I did; but, it would have been very difficult from the ground to observe these for more than four or five seconds, and there is always the possibility of atmospheric moisture and dust near the ground which could distort one's vision.

I have in my possession letters from all over the United States and people who profess that these objects have been observed over other portions of the world, principally Sweden, Bermuda, and California.

I would have given almost anything that day to have had a movie camera with a telephoto lens and from now on I will never be without one — but, to continue further with my story. When I landed at the Yakima, Wash., airport I described what I had seen to my very good friend, Al Baxter, who listened patiently and was very courteous but in a joking way didn't believe me.

I did not accurately measure the distance between these two mountains until I landed at Pendleton, Oregon, that same day where I told a number of pilot friends of mine what I had observed and they did not scoff or laugh but suggested they might be guided missiles or something new. In fact several former Army pilots informed me that they had been briefed before going into combat overseas that they might see objects of similar shape and design as I described and assured me that I wasn't dreaming or going crazy.

I quote xxxxxxxxxxxx a former Army Air Forces pilot who is now xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx, "What you observed, I am convinced, is some type of jet or rocket propelled ship that is in the process of being tested by our government or even it could possibly be by some foreign government".

Anyhow, the news that I had observed these spread very rapidly and before night was over I was receiving telephone calls from all parts of the world; and, to date I have not received one telephone call or one letter of scoffing or disbelief. The only disbelief that I know of was what was printed in the papers.

I look at this whole ordeal as not something funny as some people have made it out to be. To me it is mighty serious and since I evidently did ...... something that at least Mr. John Doe on the street corner or Pete ....ews on the ranch has never heard about, is no reason that it does not exist. Even though I openly invited an investigation by the Army and the FBI as to the authenticity of my story or a mental or a physical examination as to my capabilities, I have received no interest from those two important protective forces of our country; I will go so far as to assume that any report I gave to the United and Associated Press and over the radio on two different ocasions which apparently set the nation buzzing, if our Military Intelligence was not aware of what I observed, they would be the very first people that I could expect as visitors.

I have received lots of requests from people who told me to make a lot of wild guesses. I have based what I have written here in this article on positive facts and as far as guessing what it was I observed, it is just as much a mystery to me as it is to the rest of the world.

My pilot's license is xxxxxxxxxxxx I fly a xxxxxxxxxxxx it is a three-place single engine land ship that is designed and manufactured at Afton, Wyoming as an extremely high performance, high altitude airplane that was made for mountain work. The national certificate of my plane is xxxxxxxxxxxx /s/

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TO : Director, FBI DATE: 9-17-47

FROM : SAC, Portland

SUBJECT: REPORTS OF FLYING DISCS
SECURITY MATTER - X

Refer San Francisco letter dated September 4, 1947.

[redacted], Portland, reported without consulting any records that on June 24, 1947, while prospecting at a point in the Cascade Mountains approximately five thousand feet from sea level, during the afternoon he noticed a reflection, looked up, and saw a disc proceeding in a southeasterly direction. Immediately upon sighting this object he placed his telescope to his eye and observed the disc for approximately forty-five to sixty seconds. He remarked that it is possible for him to pick up an object at a distance of ten miles with his telescope. At the time the disc was sighted by Mr. [redacted] it was banking in the sun, and he observed five or six similar objects but only concentrated on one. He related that they did not fly in any particular formation and that he would estimate their height to be about one thousand feet from where he was standing. He said the object was about thirty feet in diameter and appeared to have a tail. It made no noise.

According to [redacted] he remained in the vicinity of the Cascades for several days and then returned to Portland and noted an article in the local paper which stated in effect that a man in Boise, Idaho, had sighted a similar object but that authorities had disclaimed any knowledge of such an object. He said he communicated with the Army for the sole purpose of attempting to add credence to the story furnished by the man in Boise.

[redacted] also related that on the occasion of his sighting the objects on June 24, 1947 he had in his possession a combination compass and watch. He noted particularly that immediately before he sighted the disc the compass acted very peculiar, the hand waving from one side to the other, but that this condition corrected itself immediately after the discs had passed out of sight.

Informant appeared to be a very reliable individual who advised that he had been a prospector in the states of Montana, Washington, and Oregon for the past forty years.

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4AF 1208 I
16 July 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE:

1. On 12 July 1947, a call was made at the newspaper office of the "Idaho Daily Statesman", Boise, Idaho. The [redacted] of the paper, [redacted], was interviewed in regard to how well he knew [redacted] of Boise, Idaho, and as to the credibility of any statement made by [redacted] The purpose of this interview was an attempt to verify statements made by [redacted] on 26 June 1947, to various national news services to the effect that he, [redacted] had seen 9 objects flying in the air above the Cascade Mountain Range of Washington. These objects were subsequently referred to as flying saucers or flying disks and will here-in-after be referred to as such in this report. [redacted] stated that he had known [redacted] for quite a period of time, having had relations with [redacted] on various occasions, due to the fact that both he, [redacted] and [redacted] were private fliers and frequently got together to talk shop. [redacted] stated that as far as he was concerned anything [redacted] said could be taken very seriously and that he, [redacted] actually believed that Mr. Arnold had seen the aforementioned flying disks. [redacted] stated that after [redacted] reported having seen the flying disks, that the editor of the paper had assigned him, [redacted] the assignment of taking the airplane belonging to the newspaper and exhausting all efforts to prove or disprove the probability of flying disks having been seen in the northwest area. The results of this assignment to [redacted] and what he subsequently saw is put forth in a sworn statement signed by [redacted] attached to this report as Exhibit B.

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AGENT'S NOTES: [redacted] is a man of approximately 33 to 35 years of age. From all appearances he is a very reserved type of person. [redacted] has logged 2300 hours of flying time in various types of airplanes up to and including multi-engine aircraft. During part of the war years, [redacted] was the [redacted] being assigned to the Twentieth USAAF and stationed on Tinian Island, in the Pacific. It is the personal opinion of the interviewer that [redacted] actually saw what he states that he saw in the attached report. It is also the opinion of the interviewer that [redacted] would have much more to lose than gain and would have to be very strongly convinced that he actually saw something before he would report such an incident and open himself for the ridicule that would accompany such a report.

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1 Incl: Exhibit "B"

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Photostat of Document 2 (Interview with Editor of Idaho Daily Statesman)

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Incident
4AF 1208 I
16 July 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE:

1. On 12 July 1947, [redacted], Boise, Idaho, was interviewed in regard to the report by [redacted] that he saw 9 strange objects flying over the Cascade Mountain Range of Washington State on July 25th. [redacted] voluntarily agreed to give the interviewer a written report of exactly what he had seen on the above mentioned date. The written report of [redacted] is attached to this report as Exhibit A. b6

AGENT'S NOTES: [redacted] is a man of 32 years of age, being married and the father of two children. He is well thought of in the community in which he lives, being very much the family man and from all appearances a very good provider for his family. [redacted] has recently purchased a [redacted] recently purchased a [redacted] in which to conduct his business to the extent of which is explained in the attached exhibit. It is the personal opinion of the interviewer that [redacted] actually saw what he stated that he saw. It is difficult to believe that a man of [redacted] character and apparent integrity would state that he saw objects and write up a report to the extent that he did if he did not see them. To go further, if [redacted] can write a report of the character that he did while not having seen the objects that he claimed he saw, it is the opinion of the interviewer that [redacted] is in the wrong business, that he should be writing Buck Rogers fiction. [redacted] is very outspoken and somewhat bitter in his opinions of the leaders of the U.S. Army Air Forces and the Federal Bureau of Investigation for not having made an investigation of this matter sooner. To put all of the statements made by [redacted] in this report would make it a voluminous volume. However, after having checked an aeronautical map of the area over which [redacted] claims that he saw the objects it was determined that all statements made by [redacted] in regard to the distances involved, speed of the objects, course of the objects and size of the objects, could very possibly be facts. The distances mentioned by [redacted] in his report are within a short distance of the actual distances on aeronautical charts of this area, although [redacted] has never consulted aeronautical charts of the type the Army uses. [redacted] stated that his business had suffered greatly since his report on July 25 due to the fact that at every stop on his business routes, large groups of people were waiting to question him as to just what he had seen. [redacted] stated further that if he, at any time in the future, saw anything in the sky, to quote [redacted] directly, "if I saw a ten story building flying through the air I would never say a word about it", due to the fact that he has been ridiculed by the press to such an extent that he is practically a moron in the eyes of the majority of the population of the United States. b6 b6 b6

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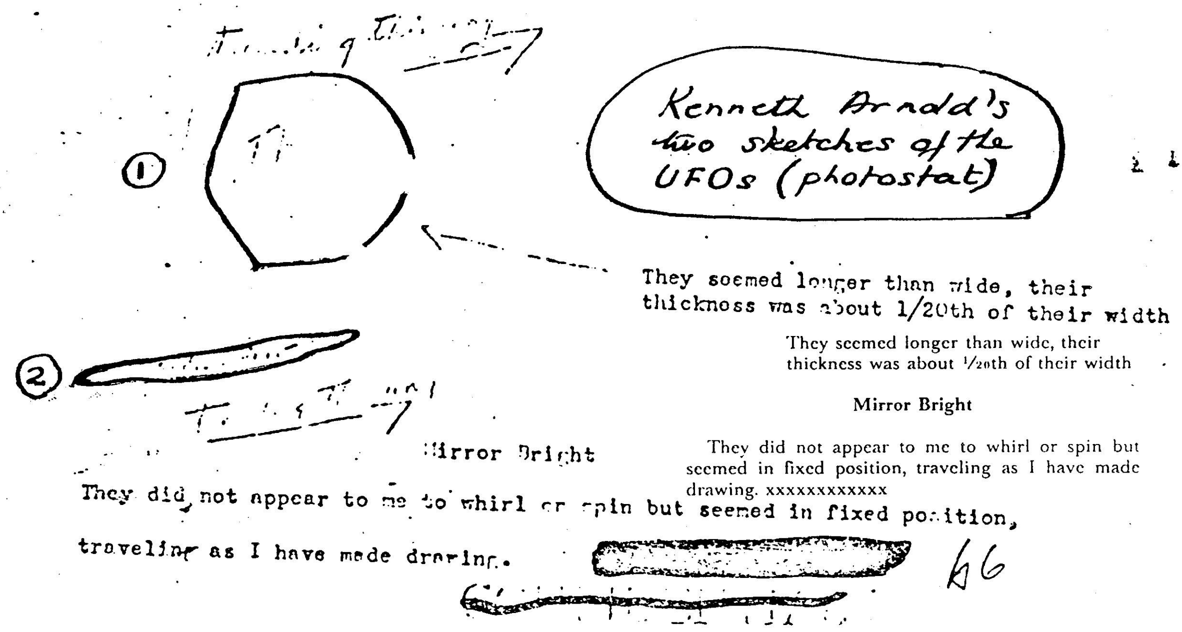
Photostat of Document 3 (FBI Report of July 16, 1947, on Kenneth Arnold's Sighting)



They seemed longer than wide, their thickness was about 1/20th of their width

Mirror Bright

They did not appear to me to whirl or spin but seemed in fixed position, traveling as I have made drawing. xxxxxxxxxxxx

CLOSE SIGHTING BY PORTUGUESE AIR FORCE PILOTS (NOVEMBER 1982)

José Sottomayor and Antônio Rodrigues
(C.N.I.F.O. UFO Investigation Group, Lisbon)

(Précis Translation from Portuguese)

We are much indebted to our esteemed Portuguese Consultant, Sr. Joaquim Fernandes, of the Portuguese UFO Investigation Group C.N.I.F.O. for sending us this lengthy and painstaking report on a recent event in his country. Owing to our lack of space we regret that we can only give the salient details of it. He and other senior members of C.N.I.F.O. were able to discuss the case subsequently, in a private interview, with General Brochado Miranda, Chief of Staff of the Portuguese Air Force, a fact clearly emphasising the entirely serious view which that Air Force takes of this very typical UFO sighting. — EDITOR

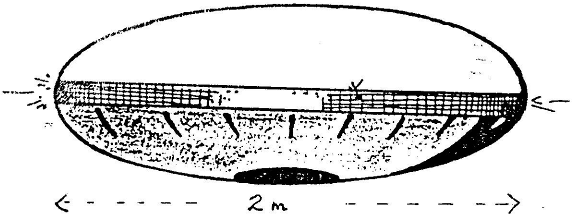
This episode occurred in fine bright daylight, between 1050 and 1150 hrs on the morning of November 2, 1982 in the region between Torres Vedras and the Serra de Montejunto (mountain range). That is to say, in an area just to the north-west of Lisbon, and over the Province of Estremadura.

The sky was clear, with unlimited visibility and little wind. In terms of *index of strangeness* it is graded as 2, and in terms of *index of credibility* as 3.

As indicated, the total sighting time was about 25 minutes, and two Portuguese Air Force training planes were involved, with pilots aboard them. These men, Pilot Lt. J.M.G., Ensign C.G., and Ensign A.G., were flying in Canadian-built *Chipmunk* DHC-1 primary training craft and came from OTA Air Base No. 2.

Lt. J.M.G., flying at an altitude of around 1500-1600 m. over Maxial, saw a shining object below, seemingly very close to the ground (maybe at 50 or 100m., he thought) moving on a N-S course. Just as he had decided that it would be a good thing to continue to watch it, it suddenly changed behaviour, as though realizing his presence, and in ten seconds it shot up to the same height as himself, which would mean that it had risen at about 504 km.p.h.

It then commenced to fly around him in great sweeps, and he was obliged to perform a series of tight curves accordingly, so as to keep track of it. It was now near enough for him to see that it was round and *"resembled a ball of mercury"*. It consisted of two hemispheres (the lower one being reddish), metallic, shining, and with a circular dark area at the centre of its



base. Around the edge, where the two "hemispheres" met, he thought he could distinguish some sort of protuberance or irregularity. The object reflected the sunlight brightly, and, as will be seen later, the final estimate of its diameter set it at around two metres.

Lt. J.M.G. reported to his Base what he was seeing, — "a ball of mercury". Various other pilots in the vicinity picked up his message and there was some mutual badinage, with suggestions that he was seeing a balloon, or even a football, or that he had "been at the bottle". To which he retorted that it would be a pretty remarkable "balloon" or "football" that could shoot up from 100 metres to 1500 metres in seconds and then fly rings around him at a fantastic speed. And that silenced the chatter . . .

The UFO was now flying vast circles around him, estimated by him to have a perimeter of 21,000 metres and to be 6,000 to 8,000 m. in diameter, over the area between Torres Vedras and Montejunto. J.M.G. himself was flying in tight rings with a perimeter of about 1,500 metres, and diameter of 450 metres, and at a speed of 170 km.p.h. He estimated the speed of the UFO at over 2,500 km.p.h.

At no time did he observe any effects on his instruments or upon himself.

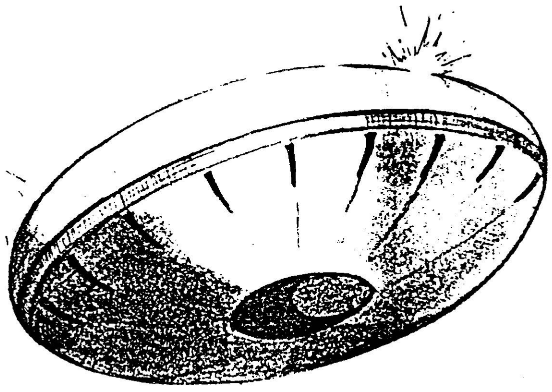
The other two eyewitnesses, Ensign C.G. and Ensign A.G., arrived on the scene, also in a *Chipmunk* trainer, at about 11.05 a.m. Their description of the object agrees largely with that of J.M.G., namely that it seemed metallic, of a rounded shape, with two raised convex areas and a "grid" around the centre. This "grid", they thought, emitted very intense "flashes", which they did not feel were due to sunlight, inasmuch as the "flashes" seemed to be reddish on one side and green on the other side, and thus resembled rather *electrical discharges.*

They duly reported to Base that they too had the object in view. The object continued to fly around for about ten minutes or so. At one moment it passed between the two aircraft, and C.G. was able to observe as it came in front of J.M.G.'s 'plane, and he was thus able to arrive at an estimate of its width — namely about two metres. (The *"Chipmunk"* trainer is 7.75 m. long and 10.46 m. wide).

Then finally, the UFO made a sweep, passing very near to J.M.G., and dashed off towards the slopes of the Serra de Cintra Range, lying to the south-west, and vanished from sight.

Back at Base, the three witnesses agreed that the object could not possibly have been a "balloon", and was clearly intelligently controlled.

As mentioned above, their general accounts agree, though not all of the three pilots had quite the same clear view of the central "grid" around the object, or of its lower dark circular centre. While two of them mentioned a system of "ribs" on the lower half of the object, the third did not, and A.G.'s account and sketch of it showed it rather as "cylindrical", with rounded ends, like a capsule, although he admits that



this may have been due to perspective. But A.G. was piloting, and was therefore obviously unable to view it as well as his companion, C.G. did.

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AN ABDUCTION IN SWEDEN?

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We are indebted to Mr Anders Liljegren, FSR Consultant and Editor of the *AFU Newsletter,* from issue No. 29 of which (January-December 1986) this report is reprinted. The original is in impeccable English.—EDITOR

Gigantic luminous objects with light-beams, cigar-shaped vehicles, radiation symptoms in witnesses, disturbances on TV and radio reception — these are a few samples of what was reported during the great UFO Wave over Vallentuna, Sweden, in 1974.

Over a period of several months, hundreds of UFO reports came from a concentrated area near Markim, Orkesta, and Lindholmen in Vallentuna, which is situated about 20 kms. to the north of the city of Stockholm. Most often it was big, luminous bodies of light that came flying over the treetops.

Cars paced

"It was so horrible, I wish it had never happened. I got the impression that we were checked out by someone — like a big torch that swept the area."

This is how Hillevi Andersson from Orkesta described her experience of March 24, 1974.[1] On this Sunday afternoon she tries, several times, to call her parents at Malmshagen on the phone. But no signals come through. The line is broken. Therefore, with her children Cecilia, Elisabeth and Robert, she goes by car to her parents. It is about 19.00 hours. Near Lindholmen they catch sight of a big light hovering at an altitude of about one-hundred meters. It disappears behind some trees.

As they arrive, Hillevi's parents, Svea and Hilldor Andersson, report that there have been disturbances on their TV during the evening. While Hillevi and her children prepare to continue their journey — to visit Hillevi's brother Hilding — Svea Anderson observes a vivid light outside the house. By now the children are thoroughly frightened and want to go back home.

Hillevi and her children go to Hilding Andersson at Skrattbacken. And then he escorts them back to their home, by following them in his own car. On the road to Orkesta an object passes over the road, in front of Hilding's car but behind Hillevi's. Hilding sounds his horn, but Hillevi and her party in the front car do not notice this. Later, they all spot a luminous object towards the village of Orkesta. They stop the cars at a crossroads to observe.

At a distance of about 400 meters a big luminous object hovers in the air, possibly at ten meters from the ground. A smaller object, shaped like a hemisphere and of an orange hue, is hovering near a barn without any motion. Two airplanes pass by at low altitude.

The party drive on from the area. The children are worried and frightened. The objects follow Hillevi's car — one on each side. The big object directs beams of light on to the car. Hilding can see, from the other car, that this object is bell-shaped with small hemispheres beneath.

Distressed by the incident, they arrive home at Orkesta at about nine p.m. As after-effects, the children have headaches and stomach-pains. Hillevi has kidney pains for several days after the sighting.

Official non-interest

Quite many witnesses saw the luminous objects on this eventful Sunday evening, and there were many reports of malfunctioning telephones and TV sets.

The UFO "flap" attracted much media attention. FOA (the Research Institute of National Defence) and the local Home Guard was called in. Professor Stig Lundquist of the Thunder Research Institute at Husbyborg thought that it could have been "Northern Lights", or electrical arcs from malfunctioning power-lines.[2]

Dr Tage Eriksson of the FOA said that his Institute had no resources for investigations. He believed that what they had seen might have been helicopters or some kind of natural phenomenon.[3]

The person who showed the greatest interest was Hardy Brosström, Deputy-Chief of the local Home Guard. He got several reports from witnesses whom he considered reliable. These reports were compiled and sent to the Military Area Staff in Strängnäs, to the Defence Staff, and to the FOA.

Hillevi Andersson was not satisfied with the Defence Forces' treatment of, and explanation for, the incidents.

"I won't give up. I want this cleared up," she said.

The abduction

About two days before the Hillevi Andersson sighting, there was another incident that has become the most well-known of the Vallentuna reports. This is one of the rare Swedish cases of abduction.

At five minutes past midnight on Saturday, March 23, 1974, Mr Harald Andersson (a *nom de plume*) comes out from the Parish House at Markim to catch a breath of air. But instead of going back into the house, he starts to stroll off. Some interior power forces him to go home, but along a route that he never uses.

It is as if an inner voice urges him to follow the forest road. The night is clear and cold. Just after passing a small cottage, he sees two rune-stones by the side of the road. On the opposite side of the road there is a bare hillock.

Suddenly a blinding light comes from the left side of the road. The light grows stronger. It is coming at high speed, and Harald Andersson is obliged to throw himself by the side of the road in order not to be caught in the strong light.

After that, Harald Andersson has no further recollection, until he finds himself standing in front of the door to his house in Lindholmen. As his wife opens the door, she is shocked. Harald is holding a handkerchief to his forehead. He is bleeding from a deep wound, and his right cheek is burned.

What had really happened to Harald Andersson that night? Had he fallen on a stone and lost consciousness and then, half-conscious, managed to wander home? But what about the interior voice, and the mysterious light?

Hypnosis

Sten Lindgren of the *Arbetsgruppen för UFO-Identifiering (UFO-Identification Group,* Stockholm), who heard of the case, contacted Dr Ture Arvidsson, a well-known hypnosis therapist at the Danderyd Hospital. Harald Andersson was duly hypnotized twice, on April 1 and May 20, 1974. Sten Lindgren, Robert Larson (a publisher), and I attended both sessions.

What Harald Andersson said during the hypnosis was astonishing. This is a direct transcript from the tape-recording:—

Dr. Ture Arvidsson (TA): — Now we will move in time to that Friday evening, when you had been to that entertainment, and you were going home. You were going along the road, and now you are going to tell us what happens.

Harald Andersson (HA): — I'm coming to a crossroads.

TA: — Yes, you are coming to a crossroads.
HA: — I'm being forced to the right.
TA: — Is it dark?
HA: — Yes, it's dark and clear and cold. No . . . no!
TA: — What's happening?
HA: — Light, light!
TA: — Is it a strong light?
Yes, I'm blinded. There is no light such as this. I can't describe it . . . I throw myself in the snow. I'm lifted straight up, trying to free myself. I can't, I'm stuck.
TA: — What happens then?
HA: — (cries out in agony)
TA: — Was it terrible? Now be calm.
HA: — They take me, they take me (cries).
TA: — Who are they? Now, take it easy, just easy, just easy. Is it terrible? Do they look like humans?
HA: — No, they don't. They are transparent.
TA: — How many are they?
HA: — Four.

(Harald's emotional reactions during this part of the session were very strong. He was screaming, kicking, and weeping so much that the hypnotist almost had to sit on him to keep him on the couch. It was a shaking and bewildering experience to witness these sessions. No-one could doubt that the incident was genuine.

Harald said that he had thrown himself into the ditch to avoid the strong light. He never reached the ground, however, but was sucked up into the craft. The entities were rather tall, 180-190 cms., and robust. On one occasion he claimed that they looked like Indians. They had eyes, noses and mouths, but he saw neither ears nor hair, probably because they seemed to have some kind of hood on).

Fight with the entities

(There was like a shimmering light around the creatures. Apparently they communicated via some kind of melodic tones. When one of the entities came towards Harald , holding an instrument, there was a fight.) From the May 20 hypnosis session:—

TA: — How did you get this wound on your forehead?
HA: — Hurt, I was hurt.
TA: — How did it happen?
HA: — I defended myself. They were going to pierce me.
TA: — Were they going to pierce you?
HA: — They put an instrument . . .
TA: — What did it look like?
HA: — I'm not allowed to say that, no.
TA: — Have they threatened you in some way?
HA: — No, no.

(When one of the creatures came up to Harald holding the instrument, he defended himself. He pulled down one of them, who was helped by the others. After that incident, the device was put against Harald's forehead. This created an intense and burning pain. It is difficult to judge whether the pain was caused by the wound in his forehead or by the burnt spot on his cheek.

Harald was requested by them to keep silent about what had happened. On several occasions, during both hypnosis sessions, he says: *"I'm not allowed to tell you."* It seems as if the entities had planted some psychic block in his mind. They also forbade him to seek medical help.

Finally, they said: "See you again", and brought him to the doorstep of his villa. There he regained consciousness, and his wife found him standing on the doorstep.)

After-effects

From Dr Ture Arvidsson's diagnosis we learned that Harald had never had an epileptic attack or anything similar.

In the discussion after the first session of hypnosis, Robert Larson asked: "How do you as an experienced

hypnotist evaluate what Harald has said?"

TA: — To me it is completely inexplicable.

RA: — Is it the truth that comes through on occasions like this?

TA: — Yes, one usually tells the truth during hypnosis.

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One researcher who has studied Harald Andersson is Arne Groth. He found some strange gifts in the witness after the experience:—[4]

Harald Andersson now has a general increase in certain psychical sensitivities. When he was preparing some electrostencils at his work, they became completely black, which never happened when a workmate took over. This indicates that there were very strong electrical fields around Harald for some time. Before the incident he had been long-sighted, needing eyeglasses. Now he has discovered that he has no need for them.

Further investigations showed that Harald Andersson had become very sensitive to various kinds of radiation. If one held a rock-crystal over the wound in his forehead, he experienced a tingling or "sucking" in his head. He could detect a rock-crystal at a distance of several hundred meters, if it was big enough.

After the incident, Harald also had premonitions when a UFO was in the vicinity. He felt as if it were a "suction"; almost as though he was "taking off from the ground", and he could also sense from what direction the UFOs were to arrive. *"They are inside of us"*, he said on one occasion.

Nevertheless, Harald Andersson still has no idea what happened to him, even though he theorizes on Space creatures:—

> "I don't know. I can't judge. I don't know what it was. It couldn't have been human beings . . . they are not humans", he declared after the first hypnosis session.

Today Harald Andersson lives a normal family life in Vallentuna. He still has his sensitivity to certain forces, but he wants no publicity. His wife does not want him to talk about UFOs.

The Andersson case is unique in that it is the only well documented case of an abduction in Sweden. It still lacks an explanation, as do similar cases in other parts of the world.

SOURCE NOTES

(1) *Dagens Nyheter,* Stockholm, April 5, 1974. Also: *Project URD,* transcription of taped interviews from Vallentuna.

(2) *Norrtelje Tidning,* April 5, 1974.

(3) *Norrtelje Tidning,* April 3, 1974; *Aftonbladet,* April 4, 1974.

(4) Transcription of tape from an interview in the radio programme *"Nya Dimensioner" ("New Dimensions"),* October 1981.

THE "STEEL AIRSHIP" AT BOIS-DE-CHAMP (APRIL 1954)

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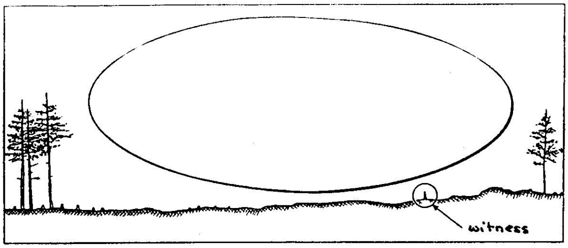
(Translation from French)

This extremely interesting report is published in the latest issue of our fine French contemporary *(Lumières Dans La Nuit,* No. 275/276, May-June 1987) and we proffer here our usual credit and thanks to Monsieur R. Veillith, Monsieur F. Lagarde, and to their Editorial Committee. Our thanks too to the author, Monsieur Joël Mesnard, who is by no means unknown to our readers, as they will remember several of his extraordinarily interesting reports that have appeared in past issues of FSR, including, in particular, the Algerian case of *"The Tranquilizing Visitation at Bouahmama"* (FSR 19/3, 1973.) — EDITOR

READERS of *Lumières Dans La Nuit* will already know something of this case, which was reported briefly in François Dioliz's *Catalogue of Vosges Sightings in 1954* (on page 44 of LDLN 261/262). However, I had an opportunity to go over the case again and interview the chief witness, Monsieur Roger Mougeolle, in February 1976.



The episode in question occurred on an afternoon towards the end of April 1954 (the year of France's

fantastic great "UFO Wave". ED. FSR) in a clearing in a huge forest area at Bois-de-Champ, near the town of Bruyères, in the Département of Vosges, North-Eastern France. (Bruyères lies at Lat. 48° 10 N., 06° 40 E.)

Roger Mougeolle, then aged 37, and a younger work-mate named Gilbert Doridant, aged 19, were engaged in logging in the forest. It is a very sparsely inhabited area. (Gilbert Doridant died in a terrible logging accident two years later, crushed by a heavy load of tree-trunks which fell on him, so he was not available for me to interview when I re-opened the case in 1976.)

The two men were lopping off branches and burning the small stuff, when suddenly, from the sky above them, they heard a tremendous noise *"like the sound of a train passing over a metal bridge."* After which all was quiet again, but three huge objects shaped like cigars came over the hill towards them. Two passed over in total silence but the third, equally silently, slowly descended over the clearing where the two men were. Its surface was quite smooth, devoid of any structural appendages or protuberances, and its general aspect was metallic and its colour grey.

Its size was absolutely enormous. Over 200 metres long, Mougeolle thought, and perhaps 80 or 100 metres wide and equally high, though he thought the height was a bit less than the width.

The monster came to a halt with its base just a few tens of centimetres from the ground. Gilbert Doridant, terrified, fled from the spot, and never again dared enter that part of the forest.

Roger Mougeolle, feeling sure that this was an *airship,* felt not the slightest fear, and stepped boldly forward and soon found himself right beneath it — and this proved to be an unwise and rash mistake. Continuing to approach the stationary, silent monster, he put up his hand and touched it. It was smooth, cold, and hard like steel. (Maybe in that moment he had already begun to realize that this was no dirigible.)

He raised his woodman's axe, not — as he explained to me — with any aggressive intention of attacking the thing, but rather in order to strike it *with the flat* of the axe, *"just to see what would happen..."*

And he saw what happened! For, as he struck, he was instantly hurled a distance of six metres or so. The flat surface of the axe had made a dull sound such as you get when you strike a great piece of steel. Lying where he had been thrown, against the foot of a rock, Mougeolle found himself unable to move. What had hurled him was no blast of air or anything like that, but something totally unknown to him, *something that seemed to act uniformly upon every part of his body.* And now, as he lay there, he realized that what was keeping him pinned down there was the monster itself, by its very presence.

This state of affairs, with the huge thing looming over him and blocking out almost his entire field of vision, lasted but a few minutes, and then the craft lifted and disappeared, and Mougeolle's paralysis at once vanished with it.

Roger Mougeolle subsequently suffered no ill-effects that he was aware of. (When I interviewed him in 1976, in a clinic in Bruyères, he was gravely ill, almost totally bedridden, breathing with great difficulty, and with an oxygen cylinder beside the bed. But this was due to the fact that, soon after his UFO experience, he had quit the logging and gone to work in the construction business, and, over a long period, he had very unwisely been handling fibre-glass without wearing a mask, and so had gravely injured his lungs.)

This case has certain interesting features. Rarely have loud sounds from UFOs been reported — particularly sounds such as Mougeolle reports.

However, it so happens that in France we have one precisely similar case of a vast noise *"like a train passing over a metal bridge",* and, amazingly enough, it also dates from an afternoon at precisely that same season, mid-April of 1954, and it happened at Flavigny-sur-Ozerain (Côte-d'Or), some 200 kilometres distant from Mougeolle's sighting at Bois-de-Champ!* An account of it, given by one of the two eyewitnesses, Mme Desplantes, will be found in issue No. 8 (June 1966) of the now defunct French UFO review *Phénomènes Spatiaux,* most of the issues of which are still available from the editors and publishers, Monsieur and Mme Fouéré, 69 rue de la Tombe-Issoire, Paris XIVe. [I have given the lady's story below. — Ed.]

The estimated size of the three objects seen by Monsieur Mougeolle and his companion is truly stupefying, and it is also astounding that no information is available regarding any other witnesses.** The village of Vanénont is quite close, but the whole area around contains very few inhabitants and in 1954 the traffic on the roads would have been minimal.

Cases are also very rare in which a witness actually claims to have *touched a UFO.* We recall one such case early in 1966, near the town of Hamilton, in Canada, where a thirteen-year-old boy, Charles Cozems *(sic),* is said to have touched an object some 2.5 metres long and one metre high, which was standing in a field close to another and similar object. As the boy was touching — or maybe just about to touch — an "antenna" projecting from the object, he felt what seemed like a violent electrical discharge, and for some time thereafter there were burn marks on his hand.

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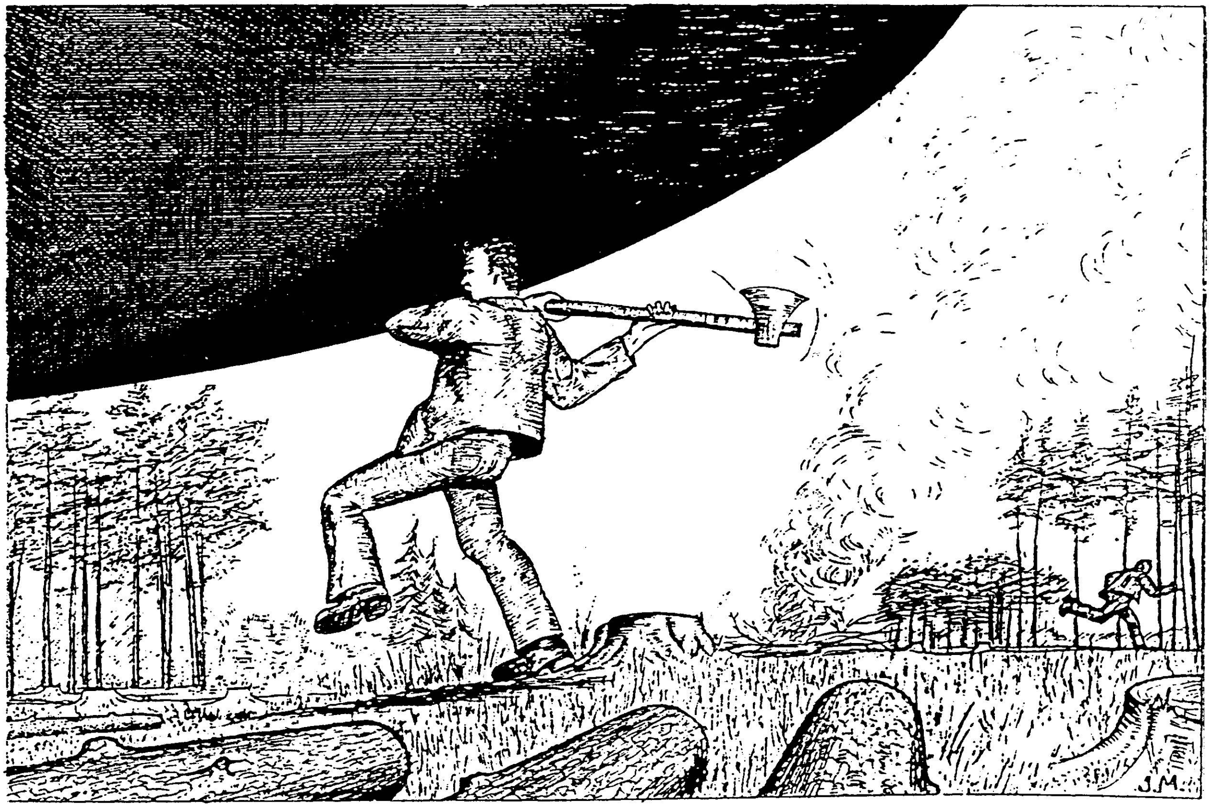
*We have certainly seen two or three reports in Britain of this vast overhead noise "like a train", or "like



a load of coal being discharged", and I recall that at least one of these reports came from Warminster.

**It may seem odd that so huge an object is not seen by vast numbers of people. But we must not overlook the fact that, by now, we already possess a lot of evidence that UFOs, and/or their occupants, "can flip in and out of visibility". For all we know, there may be vast things cruising around above our heads all the time.

APPENDIX

From *Phénomènes Spatiaux* (Paris), No. 8 (June 1966), page 15:—
(EDITOR: RENÉ FOUÉRÉ)

(Translation from French)
(Précis)

Flavigny-sur-Ozerain,
Côte d'Or
May 4, 1966

Dear Sir,

In April 1954, my husband and I were coming home at about 5.00 p.m. from a botanical outing in the mountains. The sky was very clear, and the weather fine and calm, and there was nobody to be seen anywhere around, up there, at a spot some 500 metres from the nearest house, the first farm in the village. I was walking about eight metres in front of my husband. We had neither seen nor heard the slightest thing when, to our very great surprise and, indeed, fear, we heard a noise just like a train being derailed.

I looked back, and saw that my husband was beneath an enormous square iron mass, stationary just three metres above his head. I saw no windows, no wheels, but iron ridges ... And it was broad daylight. I didn't have time to utter a word to my husband, and then suddenly it had vanished, and there was nothing more to be seen.

Had it been night time and not broad daylight, I can tell you we would have been even more scared. And, I beg you to believe me, it fairly shook us both up...

Yours sincerely,

Mme. Georges Desplantes

(In the rest of the letter, she compares the huge square thing with the famous "square UFO" seen at Bolazec, in Brittany, on January 16, 1966 by a man named Eugène Coquil. The latter case is described in detail in chapter VII of my translation of Jean-Claude Bourret's first book. (See THE CRACK IN THE UNIVERSE, published by Neville Spearman, 1976.) What the lady claims to have seen had of course no resemblance to the huge cigar-shaped "steel dirigible" seen by Roger Mougeolle. The only features common to her case and to his are (1) the shattering noise "like a train", and (2) the fact that both took place in April 1954. — G.C.

UFOs AND THE LIMITS TO SCIENTIFIC KNOWLEDGE

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The Enigma

THIRTY-EIGHT years after the term *"flying saucer"* was coined by journalists in 1947 following the sighting by Kenneth Arnold, we are still at a loss to explain the UFO mystery in terms acceptable to science and to the general public. Ufology in various countries has accumulated an extensive body of material on sightings, landings, close encounters, and other visible evidence, but so far no final conclusion has been arrived at.

Many theories have been offered, ranging from "swamp gas" in the early days to "psychological manipulations" and "misconceptions". The intention behind all these theories was to explain the UFOs away as having no real existence in ways that we can understand. But, as sightings continue and abductions are still rampant, we are still in need of an explanation that fits our understanding.

There are many sides and dimensions to the UFO Problem. Actually, before we can ask the question: *"Are the UFOs real?"*, we should consider a more basic question, namely: "What do we accept as real?" As I see it, we are baffled by the erratic behaviour of the UFOs not only because it is indeed so, but also because our mind and our understanding are not geared to their level of reality.

We may ask ourselves the question: Are the realities to which we are accustomed — the realities of our daily life, the realities of the world, or, for that matter, of the Universe as we see it — the only possible avenues of understanding? When put in this way, the only answer that can be given is: "No! Who are we to say that our *human* understanding should be taken as the absolute standard by which to judge cosmic realities?"

But that actually is what we are doing with regard to the UFO Problem. Especially when it comes to the possibility that life exists in regions outside our Earth, we say emphatically: *"No! Impossible!"* We come to this conclusion by two different means: firstly, long study of Astronomy has shown that there is no evidence of life in Outer Space and, secondly, there is absolutely no evidence that anyone has ever met with a man from Outer Space.

What it boils down to is this: that our understanding is programmed to certain ways of thinking. We are rightfully proud to call this Science. We are so proud of our achievements in the field of Science that we comfortably forget that there are limits to our scientific discoveries. For instance, in Astronomy, what we have studied is the light, captured by our telescopes, which comes from the stars. Everyone knows that a star is a hot body in Space, where naturally no life as we know it can be found. However, to deduce from this that there is no life in Outer Space is scientifically wrong, to say the least.

To make a statement with such a big sweep, from such a minimal amount of information, is morally irresponsible, because it is this faulty statement that is at the root of our problem in solving the UFO enigma. As long as Ufology also is afflicted by this myopia, Ufology can only solve parts of the problem. The whole picture will escape capture, and so will present a distorted truth.

In dealing with the UFO problem, we are dealing with a problem of many dimensions, because the UFOs are not just material objects, but we are also dealing with their occupants, and it is especially here that we are confronted by psychological and spiritual effects. And when we speak of spiritual effects, we are on religious ground. We will be speaking of God and of Angels, which, to a scientist, may be taboo concepts.

But the belief in God and in Angels provides fertile ground for the acceptance of life beyond the confines of our Earth. I may even say that the UFO enigma can ONLY be solved by the acceptance of God, of Angels, and of extraterrestrial life. *I go even further, and say that some of the UFOs belong to the same category of realities as those to which Angels belong. This is one*

aspect of the UFO enigma.

There is also another aspect: while the UFOs of the same category as the Angels belong to the positive aspect, there are other beings, with negative features. The two groups oppose each other as is shown in many UFO encounters. Why this is so can be explained from Biblical studies. Both Lucifer and Satan are not just the products of the fertile minds of religionists, but are real personalities. Not at the same level of realities to which we belong, but at one that is higher.

What levels of realities are we dealing with? The material world with which we are familiar here is one level. To all outward appearances, this is the only level that we accept as being *real.* Although we speak of God and of Angels, this we do on a different footing, namely on faith. We are not used to thinking of God and of Angels in terms of material reality, as having real existence, as real as the money we spend or the house in which we live.

Although we have sightings of UFOs and we have landing-marks and other evidence left after the landings, UFOs are not material objects in the way that we understand it. The occupants (or at any rate *some* of them) are not human beings in the way that we are. If we understand the appearance of Christ after His resurrection, then we will also understand the appearance of some of the Ufonauts. This is another side of the UFO enigma, how to understand such worlds of existence.

The UFOs are only visible for short periods of time. When they are visible, they resemble our material objects in many ways. The UFOs are then said to be of some kind of metal that has a surface texture and gloss. They seem to be under perfect control, but subject to different laws, because of their incredible manoeuvrability. Because visibility is only *part* of the existence of UFOs, Ufology is limited to only this part. Ufology will never be able to uncover the other invisible part of the UFO enigma.

The Myopia of Science

To most people, Science is the ultimate in Truth, and they demand that UFOs can only be accepted if Science has *proved* the reality of their existence. This is an impossible demand, as I have tried to explain. UFOs are only visible part of the time; in their own natural state they are invisible to us. What has Science however to say about the *invisible?*

Nothing.

Although Science has accepted the existence of rays and wave phenomena beyond the visible spectrum, it has never gone further to accept the existence of whole worlds inhabited by beings that have life. It is in such invisible worlds that we find God, and the Angels, but, to the annoyance of the scientists, also UFOs and Ufonauts!

To understand invisibility, we have to understand the way in which we see. We see material objects because of the faculty of the atom to throw back photons falling on its outer shell, which will then reach our eyes. This we call *reflection.* In the case of glass, only a small part of the photons are reflected, and the majority go right through the material. If no light is reflected, and the glass has no colour at all, it will be totally invisible. (Many people have bumped into glass doors that are very clean.)

UFOs, or parts of them, are sometimes transparent during the transition from visibility to invisibility. Ufonauts are reported to be seen in a wavy form, as in TV pictures. As our Sciences are not in the habit of making studies of what renders glass transparent, we are at a loss to explain how UFOs can change their appearance from opaque to transparent and invisible. Because of this partial invisibility, the UFOs seem to change form.

Over a long period of systematic study, we have acquired an extensive body of knowledge that is still growing in quantity, that is to say, in its application. We are so impressed with this body of knowledge that we easily forget that there are still vast areas not touched by our scientists. Especially in basic questions as to the origin of matter, Science is close-mouthed.

We have a theory as to how the Universe came into being: the so-called Big Bang Theory, which says that some 10^{-43} seconds ago, the Universe had a diameter of 10^{-28} cms., and a temperature of 10-32 Kelvin. Although they are conceived by prominent minds, I would say that anyone who adheres to such notions is unscientific. Any scientist knows that, of itself, temperature cannot rise from the low to the high. And no mass can grow out of nothing.

This theory can't be tested for its truthfulness, nor can the belief in God's Creation. But at least the religious teaching of God's Creation has the elegance of moral values, which are totally lacking in such purely scientific reasoning.

Because of the formidable extent of human knowledge at present, people tend to forget, or maybe there is no more room left in their mind for remembering, that *there are even more things of which we know nothing.* We know practically nothing about the Universe except certain items of astronomical information. We know nothing of God and of the Angels, although Religion teaches us of their existence. We tend to assume that all there is to know of God and of the Angels has already been told. Nothing is more erroneous than such an assumption.

Had we known more of God and of the Angels, we should see that what seems to be empty Space is actually filled with many activities of which our Sciences know nothing. Hints at such activities are given in both Biblical teachings and Qur'ānic verses. The Bible says that God does not create in vain, for a game, or without looking after His Creation. The Kingdom of

God is not an empty kingdom.. For lack of the right word, it is called a kingdom. What it actually means is a *Government* — in no way different from any earthly Government.

While there is structure and organisation in any earthly government, similarly there is also structure, organisation, and a well defined programme of action in the Celestial Government. A programme of work that stretches over thousands of years, while such an earthly programme will cover at the most five years. Hints of such kinds of activities are given in religious teaching, but because no one pays attention, it becomes a *hidden knowledge,* known only to so-called "occult" groups.

The biggest obstacle preventing Science and Ufology from unravelling the UFO enigma is the position they take towards the existence of life in Outer Space. At present it is taboo to both to accept the existence of God, of Angels, and of extra-terrestrial life. The reasons are already given: the total non-existence of "scientific proof". But, as I will reiterate here, *what is acceptable as "scientific proof?"*

If people like Adamski and Dr Daniel Fry claimed to have met with people from Outer Space, will that not be ground enough at least for further study? If further study substantiates such claims, will that not be proof enough that those who gave such reports were truthful after all?

Like the "Big Bang Theory", which is totally unscientific, so also is the claim that only our Earth, in the whole vastness of Space, is the only point where life has developed. This theory favours the particular rather than the general, which is against any scientific law.

Those who were interested in aviation prior to the start of the Second World War may still remember how a fighter plane developed by Messerschmidt attained the (for that time) unbelievable speed of 750 km/h. A learned professor was quick to point out that the limit to the speed of an aeroplane was the speed of sound. The reason given was that, at this speed, the air will become like a solid wall.

We now know how wrong the professor was, but he was not altogether wrong either. From the implosion of a De Havilland *Comet* and the breaking off of a wing of an *Electra,* it was shown that during the passage through the sound-barrier tremendous vibrations take place, caused by the changed qualities of the air. Similarly our present theory proposed by the late Professor Einstein that the speed limit to any material object is that of light is not altogether right. His theory is valid only within certain conditions of gravity and certain magnetic conditions.

But do we have proof that conditions in Outer Space are similar to those on the surface of our Earth to which the theory of Einstein applies? As we have no such proofs, the last word on this matter is still to be spoken.

Our scientists know a lot about gravity and about magnetism, and about how matter behaves in gravitational and magnetic fields. But they know very little of the true nature of both gravity and magnetism. Our technology has as yet not developed devices with which to manipulate electronic speeds in the atom. We have developed the laser, but are as yet not able to manipulate its frequencies in a wide spectrum. Had we been able to manipulate the atom and the laser to higher extents, we would by now possess a super-Science and a super-Technology.

Super-Science, Super-Technology, and the Super-Civilisation

Ufology can be regarded in two ways: one is the way in which we conceive of it; the other way is how the extraterrestrials see this study. A lot of material has accumulated that directly or indirectly relates to the UFO phenomenon. A study strictly conducted, on scientific lines, can reveal much about the nature of sightings, of landings, and of cases of abduction. It will also reveal a lot of information on electromagnetic wave phenomena accompanying the UFOs. *But it will reveal very little as to the origin and purpose of the coming of the UFOs.*

If we are not interested in the origin and purpose of their coming, I see no other way than by studying *what the extra-terrestrials themselves say about this matter.* This can be a study in itself, apart from the computerised evaluation of accumulated material.

But let it be said straight away that we are not in a position to evaluate the truthfulness of their words. Here I am referring of course to the so-called "good" Ufonauts; those that come to Earth within the framework of a work-programme that has to be accomplished. *There are also groups that oppose this programme,* and other groups that come in the wake of the first group.

Why can't we evaluate their words? Because they refer to dimensions of Time and Space for which we have no standards of evaluation in our own Sciences. The work-programme I have mentioned earlier for instance refers to time-periods of over 5,000 years. How are we to evaluate such time-scales with our limited knowledge of History? They come to finish a task already mentioned by the Christ some 2,000 years ago. With what are we to judge such statements?

Here we are already on religious ground. We are used to accepting religious statements on faith. This is also true for their words, but there is an added dimension. While in Religion there is no way to go into more details, here we are given these much desired details. With more details, we are then in the position to make judgements even upon the true meaning of religious statements.

There are actually two levels of truths. There are *scientific truths,* that can be verified with the established tools of scientific investigation. There are also

religious truths, that can only be accepted by faith. To this latter category belongs, for instance, the statement that our Earth will pass through tremendous tribulations.

This statement is found in both the Bible and in the Qur'ãn. But as the statement is not accompanied by more soecifics on time and other details, people have no way of ascertaining its truthfulness.

I have had personal experience regarding the existence of a non-scientific type of truth. I was at the time the Supervisor of Technical Education in Bandung. At one time a teacher who had to see me on some business asked me whether I was interested to see something extraordinary? As I told him that I *was,* he asked me to produce a length of white thread. This I did, and I subsequently made a tight knot in it, and after wrapping it in a piece of paper, held it tightly in my closed right-hand fist.

The first trial failed. On my opening my fist, the knot was still there. He did not touch me in any way, and I closed my fist for the second time. *This time, he succeeded in opening the knot purely by mental effort. When I opened my hand, and opened the piece of paper, the length of thread was found to be neatly folded in three strands without any knot.*

Indonesia abounds in folk who perform feats like this. There was a story, which I can't verify, in which two gurus agreed to hold a contest on will-power. One feat was to fell a tree from a distance of several hundred metres, while another was to stop a passing train from the same distance.

These feats look like "magic", but certainly some laws unknown to us must be involved. Similar feats are accomplished by Uri Geller, and also figure in the cases described by Dr John Taylor of London University in his book *Super Minds.* Some people are unwilling to accept the magical feats done by Uri Geller because they have had no such experience as I had with the thread.

To explain the workings of mind power, we have to assume that the human mind can generate a kind of force-field in which the atoms are brought to a condition of softness, as in heated metals. I am referring here to the bending of metals by Uri Geller. But in these latter cases, there is no heat — only the softness! Just as there can be light without heat (fluorescent lamps) so there can be softness of the metal without heat.

The ionic forces between the atoms seem to be diminished to such levels as to allow the metal to bend, even inside a glass tube, as shown by the experiments of Dr John Taylor. In my own case of the thread, the molecules of the thread must have loosened sufficiently to permit the knot to disappear, after which the molecules rearranged themselves.

With this background in mind, it will now not be too difficult, at any rate to myself, to accept the statements of the extraterrestrials that they control their big craft solely by mind power. Such statements can be found in different sources, quite independent of each other. When I say "big craft", I mean *really big.* Such craft are also called *"city-craft", "flying cities",* or *"cities hovering in the skies".* I found mention of these craft even in Ancient Hindu Literature, where they are called *hinaraya pura.*

According to some claims, such craft may attain a length of ten miles, and are used for the evacuation of a planet. This type of craft employs a beam of which the frequencies can be controlled over a wide range to chill, freeze, disintegrate, monitor, crystallise, fissionise, kill, burn, anaesthetise, levitate, generate electrical and magnetic force-fields, and alter thought-patterns. Two samples of the multiple use of this beam will be discussed further:—

I The alteration of thought-patterns is also called *telepathy* or, in the case of the Prophets, *revelation.* It is also called the projection of consciousness. The whole contents of the Qur'ãn were given to the Prophet Muhammad by this method of one-way communication. Similar methods are the source of an extensive body of information nowadays available for our study, provided we are able to accept it. Science scoffs at the possibility of this kind of communication, which is indeed very unfortunate.

II *We are told that levitation by a beam is the method that will be employed if our Earth is to be evacuated. Geological conditions on the surface of our Planet are mounting towards a crisis-point at which life here will be unbearable. This is the main purpose of the coming of the UFOs at present.* The Christ was also levitated by a beam into an awaiting craft to which His followers alluded as *"the cloud".*

This, then, is some of the information received telepathically from the Outer Space Beings who are now hovering in our skies. As said before, we are not in a position scientifically to make evaluations as to the truthfulness of their statements. We can accept or dismiss them in accordance with our own capacity to digest such kinds of information. But we should keep in mind that the religious teaching that formerly had to be accepted by faith, can, when supported by detailed information, rise to the respectable status of positive scientific knowledge.

Not too many details on the science and technology of the UFOs have been revealed so far, but just enough to enable us to gain some faint glimpse of the superiority of cosmic science and technology. The Space Beings come from a civilisation that rests on such science and such technology, just as ours does on our own achievements in the scientific and technological fields.

The Qur'ãn contains quite a lot of information on the existence of this super-civilisation, which had been ridiculed by Western scholars studying the

teachings of Islam. Information received through super-normal channels tally with those mentioned in the Qur'ān, except for the fact that they are more detailed.

The Qur'ān says, for instance, that the inhabited spheres in Outer Space are divided into *evolutionary* and *artificial* worlds. Our Planet, Earth, has an *evolutionary* origin. It has evolved from a gaseous to a solid state. When conditions are right, life is implanted on the surface of such a planet. *Artificial* worlds, however, do not pass through a gaseous and hot stage. Artificial worlds are the sources of those Space Beings who belong to a Celestial Government. A small number of UFOs come from planets that are higher on the ladder of development than our planet is.

It is from such planets that we encounter some uncomfortable treatment by Ufonauts, especially in the field of biological and genetic studies. These beings are scientists who are more interested in their studies than in the feeling of their guinea-pigs. Not so with the Ufonauts from the capitals of Celestial Governments. They adhere strictly to the laws of non-interference in the personal affairs of every human being.

Abundant material on these cosmic civilisations can be found in the data accumulated in the early stages of the UFO phenomenon, but I fear that most of this material has been totally neglected and ridiculed as fabrications and hoaxes. Actually these materials contain a lot of information that will give us some insight into the realms of spiritual truth and teach us some of the moral values of goodness, peace, and harmony already practised in those civilisations.

But from the scientific viewpoint, such information is regarded as worthless, because Science has no way to evaluate such material. While in actual fact it is this kind of information that will shed light on the truthfulness of the information given. A civilisation that is not on a higher level than ours will be unable to produce the science and technology required to overcome the great distances of Space.

In conclusion, I would like to reiterate that the UFO phenomenon cannot be solved completely by the strictly scientific approach by computer specialists, even supported by psychologists, physicists, and other specialists. We shall also have to include students of the Holy Books, and students of supra-normal channels of communication. It is from these latter that we obtain our information of what the Space Beings have said as to their purposes, their origins, and the nature of their work.

"PARALLEL WORLDS": RECENT COMMENT FROM AN EMINENT OXFORD PHYSICIST

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A series of lectures on the general theme of "PHILOSOPHY AND THE NEW PHYSICS" was recently delivered in the Gulbenkian Theatre at Oxford by eight eminent physicists from the Universities of Oxford, Cambridge and Pavia. One of the speakers was Professor Ian Aitchison, M.A., DPhil., Fellow of Worcester College, Oxford, and a Professor in the Department of Theoretical Physics here.

Mr Paul Whitehead's recent summaries in FSR on current trends in thinking about these matters has prompted me to write to Dr Aitchison, asking his general opinion about the "parallel worlds" idea, and I think FSR readers may be interested to see his reply, which, with his permission, I give below:–

Department of Theoretical Physics,
1 Keble Road, Oxford.
December 16, 1986

Dear Mr Thomas,

Thank you for your letter of 10th December. The *"Many Universes"* interpretation of Quantum Mechanics is perfectly serious and respectable — even though I think it would be fair to say that most physicists recoil from seriously espousing it! It is not an invention of Dr Paul Davies' — but rather of Hugh Everett III, first published in the perfectly O.K. Physics journal *Reviews of Modern Physics,* Vol. 29, pages 454-462 (1957). It was subsequently taken up by Bryce de Witt (see a semi-popular article in *Physics Today,* Sept. 1970, pp. 30-35), and by de Witt and N. Graham *(The Many-Worlds Interpretation of Q.M.,* Princeton University Press, 1973).

de Witt is a very highly regarded physicist, so one has to take the idea seriously, and it is certainly a logical possibility — but one that doesn't appeal to most of us because of its extravagance!

On the other hand, it is true to say that it is probably the *only* interpretation of Q.M. that follows logically from the initial postulates of the theory without requiring some sort of additional postulate when "measurement processes" are discussed. Thus its advocates like to claim that, *though expensive in universes, it is economical in postulates.*

There are a number of "popular" books on Q.M. that discuss these issues. A useful one is "THE GHOST IN THE ATOM" (Cambridge University Press), which is an edited collection of broadcast talks by various physicists, offering several different points of view. (It is edited by Paul Davies and a BBC man, J.R. Brown.)- Dr. David Deutsch, (a Research Fellow at Oxford) puts the case for the Everett interpretation and proposes a (rather sci-fi) test, in Chapter 6.

You may also know *"The Quantum World"*, by your fellow-priest, John Polkinghorne, F.R.S., which is a clear and slightly more technical introduction to the debate. A.I.M. Rae has produced *"Quantum Physics: Illusion or Reality"* recently for Cambridge University Press. There are also: *"Quantum Reality: Beyond the New Physics,* by Nick Herbert (pub. Rider, London, 1985), and *"In Search of Schrodinger's Cat"*, by John Gribbin (Bantam, 1984). So you have some Christmas reading to do!

You may also like to know that the Department of External Studies will be running a lecture series next term on some "philosophical" aspects of the "New Physics", in which problems associated with the interpretation of Q.M. will play a large part. David Deutsch will be speaking about the many (or parallel) universes idea, and I shall be giving one of the early lectures, on "Schrodinger's Cat" (the problem of measurement — trying to explain what the *problem* is!). As far as I know, nobody here has written anything "official" recently either for or against the many-universes idea — but you can read what Prof. Sir Rudolf Peierls has to say about it in the book by Paul Davies and J.R. Brown ("THE GHOST IN THE ATOM").

Yours sincerely,
Ian J.R. Aitchison

(In a subsequent telephonic conversation which I had with him, Professor Aitchison elaborated a little more, and said: *"I am perhaps a little uneasy about the use of the phrase 'other worlds', as I would prefer to talk in terms of what I would call 'overlapping possibilities')."* D.T.

SECTS AND UFOs IN THE ANDES

Soon after the invasion and rape of Tibet by the Chinese Red Armies (November 7, 1950) I recall a suggestion by some shrewd observer, whose name I forget, to the effect that

"The Mystics and Masters of Old Tibet will now have to shift to the Andes!"

It looks as though the prediction has come true, for Paul Whitehead recently drew my attention to an interesting report under the above title, which had come from a journalist just back from Bolivia, and which appeared in the London newspaper, *The Guardian,* of Saturday, November 15, 1986.

From the writer's account it seems that this backward and landlocked South American "opposite number" of Tibet is now as plagued as California with all manner of "religious groups" — no less than 240 major sects at the last count (although it seems there may actually be a further 150 or so!) — and all adding considerably to the country's problems, which are already severe enough. (For example, the provincial calm of the Andean town of Cochabamba is now disturbed not only by the massive upsurge of the illegal coca and cocaine trade, but also by the mere presence of a group of five Nepalese transcendental meditators, called, it seems, by the splendid name of *"The Navel Contemplators"*. According to an official of the Bolivian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, these peripatetic five have been a headache to the Bolivian authorities for the last few months of 1986, particularly as the whole party now appears to have vanished into the Andes.) The Government of the Republic, the population of which is 95% nominally Catholic and mostly Amerindian in composition, is decidedly worried, and has decreed that all these mushrooming sects and churches and guru cults should register themselves with the Foreign Office not later than November 1986. (All 240 of them. Or is it maybe 390?)

Throughout almost all the 31 years of FSR's existence, as the pages of our past issues show, there has been a steady stream of reports of UFO activity over the whole of South America and over Bolivia and the Andes in particular. The reports we are receiving today are no different from those of 1955 and 1956. Inevitably, as foreseen by the anonymous seer years ago, the Andes have become an area of pilgrimage for gurus and sect-leaders of all hues and kinds. That delectable guru-goddess Ms Shirley MacLaine, authoress of some best-sellers, like *"Don't Fall Off The Mountain"; "The Other Half of the Sky"; "Out on a Limb"*; and *"You Can't Get There From Here"*, was

there recently, and she too has brought back the usual sheaf of UFO reports.

One of the latest sects to be active in Bolivia and the Andes call themselves "OVNIBOL" — (an amalgam of the words *"Bolivia"* and the Spanish term *"OVNI"* (UFO). It seems that "OVNIBOL" are resolutely convinced that Christ will be returning to Bolivia any day now, and of course will just step out of a UFO in order to announce the impending End of the World.

The *"Children of God"*; the *"Moonies"*, the *"Scientologists"* and the numerous other groups are likewise no slouches when it comes to the matter of Andean Enlightenment. The members of one particular Hindu sect are reported to be opening a string of vegetarian restaurants throughout the land. (In the poorly nourished population of the High Andes, where the inhabitants are hardly likely to get an overdose of protein, this report might be thought to smack somewhat of *"carrying coals to Newcastle"*. Or, as the Germans put it, so much more elegantly: *"Carrying Owls to Athens"!)* G.C.

MORE POLTERGEISTERY IN BRAZIL

We have published plenty of reports over recent years about strange phenomena in Brazil (the land — let us not forget — of Voodoo and Xangó and similar African cults!) And we are indebted to our reader and fervent supporter E.M. Jakes of Yapton, West Sussex, who spotted the following extraordinary example from the small Brazilian city of Itapeva (Lat. 23° 59S., Long. 48° 59 W.) in the State of São Paulo:—

Sunday Express, London
May 17 1987

Evil strikes a frightened city

SÃO PAULO: A series of unexplained supernatural happenings has been sending rocks, rubbish bins and furniture flying into the air, hitting innocent people in a small Brazilian city.

Even police have seen rocks yanked from soil banks by some force, and flung against house windows or dropped on roofs in Itapeva.

At a special prayer session in an attempt to rid the city of "supernatural forces", a rock weighing one kilo mysteriously fell from the skies, piercing the roof of the Cathedral and landing in front of worshippers.

The phenomenon has sent shock waves among the city's 100,000 inhabitants.

So far, the police have investigated without results or even a clue as to what is causing these strange occurrences.

N.B. Falling rocks and stones are of course one of the classic and essential features of poltergeistic phenomena (not to mention UFO phenomena), and no doubt all these "anomalies" are due to one single agency — the activity of alien intelligences operating out of *"other dimensions right here"* and impinging sporadically in our world. In which event man — with his limited faculties — will never understand anything more than he does now, because he has been rigidly programmed.

Nevertheless it might be interesting to note that in Tupí, the principal aboriginal Indian language of this part of Brazil, *Ita* means a *rock* or *stone.* (But there are more than 120 names of important places or geographical features in Brazil beginning with *Ita-*, and that takes no account of the scores of even smaller places. So maybe it is no wonder that Brazil is thoroughly poltergeist-ridden!) G.C.

For those who read French!

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(*Elle*, 5 May 1986).

WEIRD FACULTIES

Gordon Creighton

The BBC recently carried reports about a Russian woman who has developed some unusual powers after suffering a massive electrical shock. The story was in the highly authoritative and official Soviet newspaper *Izvestiya*, and was picked up and reproduced in *The Sun* (June 16, 1987) and other British papers, as follows:—

Wonder-Woman's X-ray Eyesight

A woman has developed X-ray vision after suffering an electric shock, it was reported yesterday.

Yulia Vorobyeva can now diagnose people's illnesses — and also tell them what they ate for lunch, it was said.

The 37-year-old Soviet wonder-woman was declared dead, and spent two nights in a morgue after getting a 380-volt shock.

She discovered her amazing new power after regaining consciousness, according to the Government newspaper *Izvestiya* in Moscow.

Yuliya said: "I went shopping one morning. A woman was at the bus stop — and suddenly I was struck by horror. I could see right through her like a television screen".

Two doctors have testified that Yuliya can now diagnose the most obscure illnesses.

And she correctly told a reporter who interviewed her at Donetsk in the Ukraine that he had eaten jelly — because she could see it in his stomach.

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It has of course been known since very early times that certain individuals, whom today we call *"mediums"* or *"psychics"*, or *"sensitives"*, possess powers of this kind, and in various parts of the world I myself have met several such people. In Australia I knew a woman (also a Russian, incidentally) who could see the human aura with great clarity and was able to detect disease unfailingly, often long before any symptoms had started in the physical body. She confirmed to me what occultists have long known, namely that most diseases have their origins *not in the physical body at all,* but in what is variously known as the astral body, spirit body, etheric body, subtle body, or radiant body. (The *Lingaśarīra*[1] *of the Sanskrit; the Yid-kyi-lus*[2] of the Tibetans, the *Augéoides,*[3] radiant body, of the Greek Neoplatonists.) She told me that the really embarrassing and troublesome part was that she was also able to tell, infallibly, when someone was going to succumb to illness and die in the near future.

Years later, when I was the British Consul-General in New Orleans during World War II, I had on my staff, as my Security and Anti-Sabotage Officer, a Canadian who had been a major in the British Army in the trenches on the Western Front in World War I. He told me that all his life he had had a similar unwelcome faculty, and that, in the trenches, he always knew which of his men would be the next to die "when he went over the top". (These soldiers being in the prime of health, this was clearly not a case of detecting *illness* in the aura, as the lady in Australia had done, but must have been a matter of direct *precognition* of coming events.)

This Officer's daughter, a trained nurse who was working in one of America's biggest hospitals during World War II, had inherited something of these same gifts from her father, for she told me that, when on duty in the hospital operating theatre, she often saw the astral or spirit body of the patient, driven out of the physical body by the anaesthetic, and floating in the air above the operating table, just like one of the captive-balloons of the London Defence Barrage. She also confirmed to me that in such cases the famous *"silver cord"* (see *Ecclesiastes* 12, verse 6, *"Or ever the silver cord be loosed")* was clearly visible.

All those who have experienced out-of-the-body excursions will know that sudden or violent re-entry often is accompanied by serious symptoms of *shock,* and the "post-operative shock" known to surgeons is connected with this. (That is why the Chinese art of *Acupuncture* has such a future, for patients who have had open-heart surgery etc. with acupuncture *do not suffer from postoperative shock.*)

Inevitably the discussion of these extraordinary "special faculties" (as the Chinese Communists prefer to call them) brings to mind the names of two of the most remarkable psychics whom we have had in the world in recent years, namely the late Gérard Croiset of the Netherlands, and Peter Hurkos — also, as chance would have it, a Dutchman. I believe that Croiset was either born with, or developed his remarkable faculties gradually. And, as is known, he was able to assist the police authorities of many countries in solving crimes. Peter Hurkos, now living in America, has also helped the police in catching many criminals and solving many crimes, and it was interesting to read recently (June 1987) that he is an old friend of President Reagan and a very frequent guest in Reagan's California homes.

But Hurkos was not born with these faculties, but acquired them — like Yulia Vorobyeva — as the result of a violent and traumatic experience! He was

working on the scaffolding of a house that was under construction, in Holland, during World War II, when he suffered a very serious fall, of 43 ft. And when he recovered, from a fractured skull, he had all these weird psychic powers. It is on record that he had been a member of the Dutch Underground Resistance, or something of the sort, and was therefore on the Gestapo's *"Wanted List".* When the Gestapo caught up with him, they found him convalescing in a hospital bed. When they started to question him, he responded with such a torrent of nasty details about their own past lives and personal habits, and about the future fate awaiting Hitler, that they turned tail and fled and thereafter left him severely alone. (It is recorded that something extremely similar happened to the famous German seeress Theresa Neumann when the Gestapo tried to tackle her. Her comments and revelations regarding both Past and Future, public and private, were so terrifying that they left her severely alone too!)

To conclude these notes, I will mention a case of similarly acquired powers which appear to have been the direct result of the activities of UFOs and/or UFO beings.* (See full story on page 14 of this issue.)

On March 23, 1974, at Markim, a few miles north of Stockholm, the Capital of Sweden, Mr "Harald Andersson" *(nom de plume)* was involved in a fight with four tall alien beings (lm.80-lm.90) and eventually "sucked up" aloft into a UFO. In the struggle, he received a severe and deep wound on his forehead, and his cheek was burned. After applying various instruments to him, they put him down again in a semi-conscious state near his home, having first warned him not to seek any medical help for his injuries and having put a posthypnotic block on him so that he would not reveal the main details of what had happened to him inside the UFO.

"Harald Andersson" was subsequently studied by Arne Groth, and by Dr Ture Arvidsson, a well-known specialist in hypnotism from the Danderyd Hospital. Dr Ture Arvidsson hypnotised "Andersson" twice, but it proved impossible to recover most of the details.

According to the findings of the researcher Arne Gros, "Harald Andersson" has developed some very strange and peculiar gifts, these undoubtedly being due to his experience. He now has a general increase in certain psychical sensitivities. When he was preparing some electro-stencils at his work, these became totally black, a thing which never happened when a work-mate took over. *This indicates that there were very strong electrical fields around "Harald Andersson".* Moreover, prior to his UFO episode, he had been long-sighted, needing eyeglasses. After the affair, he found he no longer required them!

He had also become intensely sensitive to certain types of radiation. If one held a rock-crystal over the wound on his forehead, he experienced a tingling or, as he called it, a "sucking" in his head. He could detect a large piece of rock-crystal at a distance of several hundred meters.

After the incident, "Harald Andersson" also had premonitions when a UFO was in the vicinity. He said he felt, as it were, a "suction", almost as though he was about to "take off from the ground", and he could also sense from what direction the UFOs were going to arrive.

"THEY ARE INSIDE OF US", he said on one occasion. Those who have read Budd Hopkins' two epoch-making books, MISSING TIME, and INTRUDERS, will have perceived that this may turn out to be only too terribly true.

Finally, what possible link there may be between the cases of Yulia Vorobyeva, Peter Hurkos, "Harald Andersson", the Russian lady whom I knew in Australia, and the Canadian officer who worked with me in the USA, I naturally have not a clue, and I am not attempting to speculate.

Obviously, of course, *electricity* (whatever that is!) plays a great role in it all. We all know how frequently electrical equipment seems to be affected by UFOs, hauntings, poltergeists, etc. And it seems that the subtle bodies of Man *(he possesses more than one body)* are very much related to electricity and maybe to other even more subtle cosmic forces that are not yet known to us.

Truly, *"We now see through a glass, darkly;"*

"βλέπομεν γὰρ ἄρτι δί
ἐσόπτρου ἐν αἰνίγματι."

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(1) लिङ्गशरीर

(2) ཡིད་ཀྱི་ལུས་

(3) αὐγηοιδες

"THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS"

Gordon Creighton

It may be recalled that in FSR 29/1, in my article *"A Brief Account of the True Nature of the 'UFO Entities'"*, I wrote:—

> ". . . maybe the best way in which we can begin to start to visualize these matters is by thinking of the Jinns as being very close indeed to us and yet at the same time somehow very far from us. In other words, on some other dimension, or in some other Space/Time framework, 'right here', or maybe in a world of anti-matter right here, or occupying as it were some other Universe that is here, behind Alice's mirror: "a mirror-universe on the other side of the Space-Time Continuum, as it has been neatly put by some investigators".

In recent issues (FSR 31/1, 31/2, 31/4, 31/6, 32/3) Paul Whitehead has given us an excellent series of articles about the "new physics" and the exciting new concepts of "parallel worlds" or "parallel universes."

The latest item along these lines to catch our eye is a brief but splendid report, *"Through the Looking Glass"*, by the *Daily Telegraph's* Science Correspondent, Adrian Berry, in their issue for May 25, 1987, in which he says:—

> "Readers of *'Alice in Wonderland'* often feel disappointed by the story's climax, in which Alice wakes up to discover that the trial of the Knave of Hearts was only a dream. But for physicists the universe of the trial is just as real as the one in which she dozed on the river bank.
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> "The theory of the existence of an infinite number of parallel universes, in which everything that *can* happen *does*, is gaining overwhelming acceptance among physicists. Much of 20th century physics sounds equally crazy. We find it hard to believe, for example, in Einstein's theory that an astronaut who travels sufficiently fast can return to Earth and find himself younger than his own children. But experiments have shown that this is likely to be true. What is exciting about the 'multiple universes' theory is that experiments will soon be possible to prove that it also is true.
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> "The experimenters' tools will be the new supercomputers. The newest and fastest one, unveiled last week, performs no fewer than 10,000 million calculations per second. A future version of such a machine would have a sensitivity far beyond that of the human mind. It would be able to detect the existence of another universe, a world, let us say, in which Napoleon won the Battle of Waterloo. In the opinion of Dr David Deutsch, of the Mathematical Institute of Oxford, such an experiment may be only 'decades away'.
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> "The idea behind this theory is that in every micro-second of time, reality branches into a different state. We live in a reality in which Wellington did win at Waterloo. But there must be another reality, just as real as our own, in which Bonaparte was the victor. There is yet another reality in which the battle of Waterloo was never fought, and there are fourth, fifth and sixth realities which we would find progressively stranger and less recognizable.
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> "There is, theoretically, an infinite number of realities. Somewhere, everything that is physically possible comes true. It is futile to assert that our reality is 'true' and that the others are 'false'. All are equally true. It all depends on which of them you happen to live in."*

Adrian Berry goes on to explain that he recently interviewed Dr David Deutsch (whom British TV viewers will have seen in a very recent and excellent BBC *"Horizon"* programme about these ideas). Adrian Berry says that when he asked Dr Deutsch what evidence there is for these fantastic propositions, Dr Deutsch replied: "We are driven to it by our observations of the behaviour of atoms. In particular, there is an experiment in which a very weak beam of light, one photon, a particle of light at a time, is made to pass through two slits. *There is a moment when the same photon passes through both slits. In other words, this photon is in two different places at the same time"*.

Dr Deutsch went on then to explain that this photon experiment shows that the universes interact with each other. They split, but they can merge again. He said: "What we hope to prove is the existence of a universe very close to our own; one, for example, in which everything would be the same except that a book on a table would be in a different place."

Dr David Deutsch concluded:—

> "The way to do this will be to detect those random branchings that create new universes. The theory has one thing in common with Galileo's discovery that the Earth moves. The Inquisition said that this was nonsense, because they couldn't *feel* it move. . . . Some people may think the multiple universes theory is also nonsense because they can't feel their presence. In neither case could one rely on human senses. Sensitive instruments are needed to detect what is really happening".

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*One of our readers, who also spotted this report, writes to tell me that he is deeply worried by the implications. He says he has in mind a certain distinguished astronomer, and confesses: *"The thought of an infinite number of —— ——s is quite horrifying!"* — EDITOR

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METEOR COOKS A GOOSE

***(Daily Telegraph,* London, March 19, 1987)**
(Also reported briefly in *"The People"* (March 22).

A GOOSE, which crashed to the ground in a yellow flash, is believed to have been hit by a meteor.

"It looked like a laser beam had struck it — the bird just stopped dead in its tracks", said farmer Duncan Tesloss, 21, of Polebrook, Northamptonshire, who was driving his tractor in a nearby field.

The Canada goose, which was leading a flock, was found with a hole in its back and two further holes in the breast. It is now in a deep-freeze at a local school awaiting examination by scientists.

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(As our farm-hands used to say on the farm where I was born: "*That ought to larn it to be a goose!*" — ED.)

Credit and thanks to Dr Bernard Finch, and Reg Fowler of Bracknell.

MAIL BAG

Correspondents are asked to keep their letters short and give full name and address (not necessarily for publication). It is not always possible for the Editor to acknowledge every letter personally, so he takes this opportunity of thanking all who write to him.

"Clear Intent"

Dear Sir, — I agree that there is indeed very little attention paid to this important book by the world press.

However, I enclose the text of a recent item* about the "Cover Up" and about "CLEAR INTENT", which was published in a provincial American newspaper, the *Times Chronicle* of Jenkintown, PA, (February 4, 1987), and I believe that in the end all information will penetrate through to where it is supposed to.

I take this opportunity to acknowledge the enormous work you are doing with FSR.

Good luck and health for a long future!

Yours truly,
Hans Hermann Markert,
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West Germany.

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Appreciation from an FSR reader

Dear Editor, — Enclosed my subscription renewal.

I would also like to express my constant amazement at (1) your large collection of intelligent contributors.

(2) Your ability always to publish a journal whose contents are so varied and thought-provoking.

Many thanks!

Yours sincerely,
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The "Mystery Rings" in the Cornfields

Dear Editor, — In connection with the "Mystery Rings" in Britain, regarding which we have already published several reports in our own magazine (JOURNAL FÜR UFO-FORSCHUNG), we are surprised to learn that the conclusions of certain British UFO researchers were that the "Rings" had been caused by "whirlwinds"!

In the course of our own enquiries, we therefore sent photographs of your "Rings" to these German Meteorological Offices:—

Wetteramt Freiburg
Wetteramt Muenchen
Wetteramt Essen
Wetteramt Stuttgart
Wetteramt Bremen
Wetteramt Schleswig
Seewetteramt Hamburg (Marine Meteorological Office)
Zentralwetteramt Offenbach
Agrarmeteorologische Beratungs- und Forschungsstelle, Bonn
Agrarmeteorologische Beratungs- und Forschungsstelle, Ahrensburg

And we asked all these Weather Offices whether your Circles could have been caused by whirlwinds?

Every one of these Weather Offices replied that whirlwinds don't produce exact circles like these.

Yours sincerely,
Hans-Werner Peiniger,
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— Pfui! — as you Germans like to say! Our British experts know better! — EDITOR.

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